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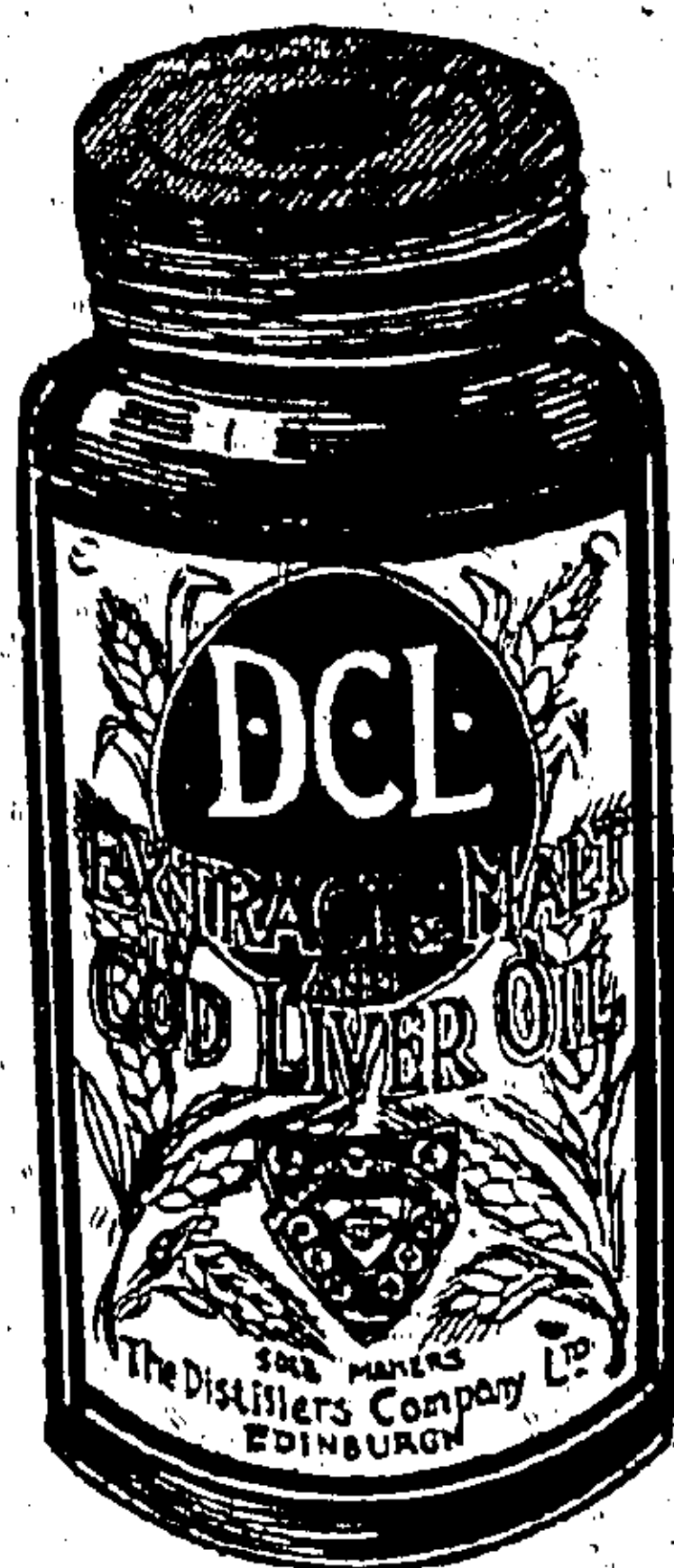
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LONDON RE-VISITED.

A FEW IMPRESSIONS.

"PLUS CA CHANGE."

Can it be nearly thirty years ago that I was first introduced to London, as a boy fresh from school? Already Dickens had taught me when a child to love all the squares, streets, corners, and alleys where David Copperfield, Nicholas Nickleby, Pickwick, their relations, their friends, and also their enemies lived, loved, suffered, or enjoyed themselves—and will for ever do so as long as England exists. To-day, after an absence of more than five years, I find myself just as young in feeling, though grey at the temples, sauntering in the same streets, looking at the same shops, contemplating the same Westminster Abbey with the same incomparable background of the Houses of Parliament, exactly as I used to twenty years ago.

And as I tramp along these streets so familiar to me, where I lived the best, and may be the happiest, years of my adolescence and of my manhood, I cannot but scan with a little anxiety the faces of the passers-by. Shall I recognise an old friend or even a mere acquaintance? Where is the old porter who used to greet me with a grin and a "Hello, sir!" at the threshold of my club? And the young man—far too polite—who would sell me the wrong collar or the untieable tie in Coventry Street? Or the canny Scotch chemist, near Leicester Square, who provided me with "the very liver-pills you cannot do without every day in our climate"? All gone! Where? The war? Pitiless years? I seem to be talking between two long rows of graves in these old London streets so dear to me.

BRITISH & ENGLISH.

But, thank God! there are still some good fellows one has always known, and after so many years they are as much your friends as ever. Years may come and years may go, but a true English friend remains staunch and loyal; when you meet again you start your friendly intercourse just where you left it when life parted your ways. Did I use the word "English"? There, too, I find an innovation all round: "British" is the word of Empire—we did not use it quite so much twenty years ago. I ought to have written "British" when thinking of friends ever here. Do I not know by experience that the same British qualities are at basis of real friendship with a Scotsman as well as with a Welshman or with an Australian or a Canadian? Did not the Great War make us realise fully on the Continent what this little word "British" means, better, maybe, than the British themselves? So many things have changed, here and everywhere, since the day we went together into battle, we French and English, shoulder to shoulder, so that we might live free in our respective countries!

THE SAME CAPRICIOUS CLIMATE.

Another distinctive quality of London remains unchallenged—its climate. I endured it the best I could for nearly twenty years, and the fact that I survived this daily fight against the most "coquettish" weather of the world tells in favour of my constitution; and foretells to its owner a too ripe old age. One can verily say of the English climate that it is as fickle, as treacherous as the typical English character is loyal, unswerving, reliable. But there is no cloud—even over the British Isles—without a silver lining, and it is to their climate that the Anglo-Saxons owe their Empire, much more than to the sea—thinkings. To win through, a race reared in this rough, ever-changing, cruel climate must have sterling physical qualities, backed by unique staying powers and a super-human moral energy. If it can prosper in the Old Country it will thrive in any other part of the world, where average Europeans will die like flies. That alone explains quite satisfactorily to my humble mind "a quiet tier" is superior to the Anglo-Saxon. There I am quoting the title of a book which was the rage in France and in England when I was a boy—but who remembers to-day Demolins and his pet theories?

COURTESY OF THE POLICE.

Traditions again are maintained unchanged by the "bobbies"—just as courteous as ever and always willing to oblige. Ah me! What a glorious sight for a pedestrian to behold the whole traffic of a busy thoroughfare held up solid in order to allow two little urchins dragged by their motherly sister to cross peacefully—at their own convenience—across the smiling protection of a stalwart policeman. I have seen such a scene in Paris! And hear the language from all parts and parties! But here, not a word of protest; no gesticulating from the "bobby"; as of old, what counts in London town is the man, or woman or child on foot—not the 100-miles-an-hour scorchers.

One remark I made does not quite tally with the above impressions. Am I mistaken? It seems to me that "buses" are all going somewhere in a frantic hurry. It matters little to them if they be half empty. They must go on—but where? In my youth they were more homely things. Who will ever tell the tragedies and the comedies of the penceful vehicles of yore? Then one had plenty of time to live one's life, and other people's, too!

Dressing anyway for men seems little different from what it was before the war. Still more lounge suits than tails, but many more tails and top-hats than in Paris. One thing, moreover, struck me. Every male one meets wears a grey or a brown soft felt hat! Could it be that the once independent and thoroughly original Briton should yield now to Fashion—I mean Fashion a disease quite opposed to healthy and respectable tradition. Some kind friends tried to make me feel ashamed of my dear old black soft hat "so d—d foreign in looks, don't you know." In a moment of weakness I entered timidly a smart West End shop and very nearly bought "the only possible grey hat for me," but when I came to reckon that its price, 20s., meant in francs at the nice rate of 25 francs for £1, the price of two princely hats in Paris, I fled from temptation.

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PRISON FOR PLAYWRIGHT.

"AUDACIOUS BILKER."

Lechmere Worrall, 49, the playwright, was sentenced at Marlborough-street last month to 14 days' imprisonment for unlawfully hiring a cab while having reason to believe that he could not pay the fare or with intent to avoid payment. He was also ordered to pay the fare, £3, and £10 costs.

Mr. Edmund O'Connor, for the Motor-Cab Protection Society, said his case was that Worrall was an audacious and persistent "bilker." He had engaged a taxicab for a whole day for £3, and when he discharged the cabman gave him a cheque which was dishonoured. Worrall's bank balance was 5d.

Worrall in the witness-box, pressed for his address, gave that of his agent—his official address, he explained. "My letters go there," he said, "as I have had some domestic trouble with my wife. Where did I sleep last night—at a little hotel in Craven-street," he answered.

PRODUCED 34 PLAYS.

He had, he said, produced 34 plays in London, six in the provinces, and three in America. The play he produced at the Everyman Theatre, Hampstead, started on September 11th.

Mr. O'Connor: Did the employees of the theatre threaten to strike before the last performance on the Saturday night because they could not get paid?—No. Did they insist on taking the box-office receipts?—I agreed they should take the box-office receipts.

Did each one of the star performers receive 21s. 3d. in respect of a week's earnings? Worrall said he did not know the figures.

Mr. O'Connor: Did you know that one girl spent 3s. a day in fares to the theatre, and at the end of the week only got 21s. 3d.?—Worrall said he was not aware of the fact.

Detective-Sergeant Percy Isaacs, of Kensington, said Worrall had resided at Scarsdale-studios, Stratford-road, Kensington, W. He had presented cheques to tradesmen which were dishonoured.

Mr. Cancellor, the magistrate, in sentencing Worrall, said: "This conduct on your part is very hard on the cabman. Here is a man engaged on a Sunday at 9.30 a.m., goes right away to Twickenham, and is kept hanging about till 10 p.m., and then given a cheque which I find this man (Worrall) knew perfectly well would be dishonoured. This is hard luck on a working and industrious man. This sort of thing must be stopped. A great deal of it goes on in London."

TWO NEW SUMMONSES.

Two more summonses were granted against Lechmere Worrall. One was at Hampstead for unlawfully detaining a Chinese mandarin's costume. The applicant, a woman, said that Worrall a fortnight ago came to her shop in Heath-street, Hampstead, and borrowed the costume, which she valued at £15, for the hour. He had failed to return it. When spoken to he said that he did not remember anything about it.

The other was at Bow-street for "biking" a cabman who said that the motor registered 22 18s. 3d. and he had only been paid £2.

ANTARCTIC HERO'S EXPLOIT.

LEAP INTO RAGING SEA WITH LINE.

HOW HE SAVED HIS CREW.

Commander Frank Worsley, D.S.O., who was captain of the *Endurance* during Shackleton's first South Polar expedition and later commanded the *Quest*, in which ship Shackleton sailed on his last expedition, has been the hero of another and adventure. The four-masted schooner *Kathleen Annie* (333 tons), of London, of which he is now master, left Kirkwall (Orkney Islands), recently, for Newfoundland and encountered a fierce gale. The vessel, in the darkness, with the seas running mountains high, struck on the Green Holms, a low-lying portion of land off Eday Island, in the Orkney group, and began to break up.

Realising the ship's plight and the peril of his crew, Commander Worsley dropped from the bowsprit into the raging sea with a line which he made fast ashore. He then struggled back to the ship, and by means of the rope the whole crew gained the shore in safety.

The ship became a total wreck. The crew were later taken to Kirkwall in the steamer *St. Magnus*, of Aberdeen. To a newspaper representative Commander Worsley said that when the ship struck it was so dark that he could see nothing. He ran a line ashore because he was afraid the ship would go to pieces.

"I ordered the men one by one to jump for the rope," he added, "and haul themselves up the rocks. The orders to jump were given at moments when I judged that the breakers had receded to their maximum and I also allowed for the natural momentary hesitation to make the leap. By the time each man was in the water he had the assistance of the oncoming waves to bear him shorewards. One man, in his excitement, grasped the wrong rope. It almost cost him his life, but some of the crew already ashore ran into the water and seized him."

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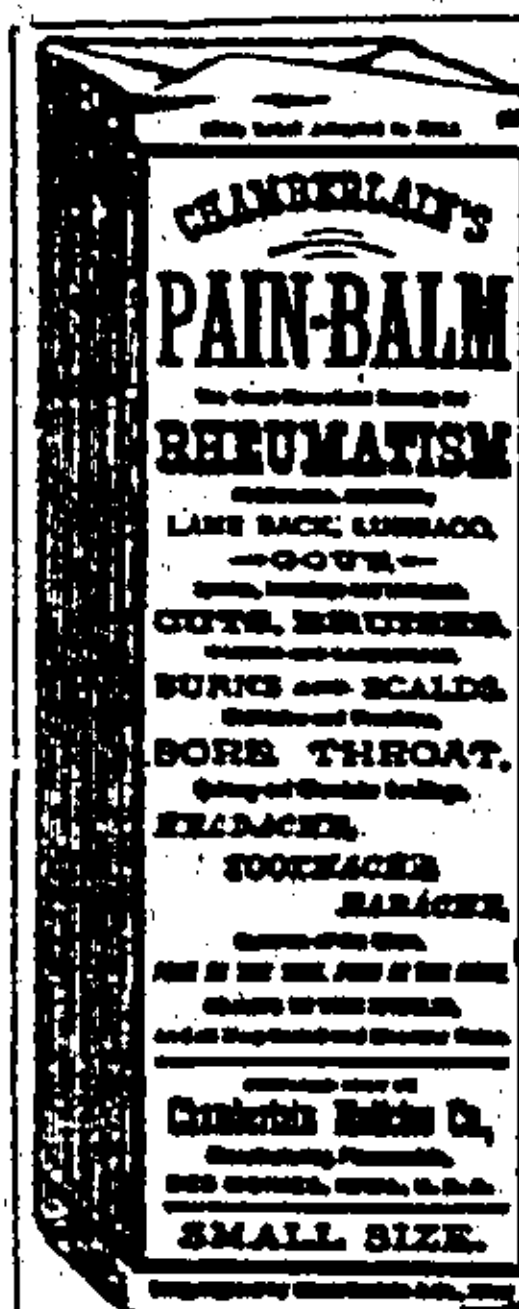
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Behind these figures lies a remarkable speculative romance which, in the words of New York bankers, has brought fortunes to "thousands of fools who stepped in where wise men feared to tread." What has actually happened is that the small and ignorant American investor has reaped his revenge for the savings he lost when after the war he bought worthless German marks.

About fifteen months ago the German Government, believing that its war loan bonds were valueless, shipped them to America in cratefuls for sale "at whatever price they would bring." They were bought by bootblacks, street peddlers, and gardeners at the rate of £1 a million-mark unit. Ship's stokers, workmen, and stevedores, who were earning good wages, were fascinated by the figures "one million marks." By sheer stupid luck they have reaped a golden harvest.

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SHOEBLACK'S WINNINGS.

The chief winners were Italian immigrants who, having made a speculative turn in Italian life after Signor Mussolini came into power, used their winnings to buy German bonds. One shoeblack in a ferryboat bought fifty million-mark units for £1 apiece and sold thirty of them at £450 apiece. An American-born farmer made \$80,000, while a Russian refugee earning a living as a stoker in a Fifth-avenue hotel betted \$5,000 from an investment of £11. Instances are numerous in which, according to a banker, "ignorant men" this year reaped profits from 20,000 to 40,000 per cent. from bonds hawked at £1 apiece and repurchased by German nationals at £500 and more.

COOK'S AT DEVONSHIRE HOUSE.

PICCADILLY TO-DAY AND FIFTY
YEARS AGO.

The announcement that Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son have taken part of the site of Devonshire House brings nearer the definite change that is to come in the old town house of the Duke of Devonshire, remarks a London paper. In due time the dual mansion will be pulled down, and a modern building will take its place, the part acquired by the great tourist agents having a frontage in Berkeley-street. There, in a year or two, will be concentrated the administrative offices of the firm, together with new booking offices and the headquarters of their bank. The link with Ludgate Circus will not be completely broken, for the booking offices that have been known all over the world for half-a-century are still to be retained.

Piccadilly, which is thus receiving an accession of strength from the realms of business, has been slow to change. The building of the Ritz Hotel, the disappearance of the St. James's Hall, and the departure of the Duke of Devonshire are the outstanding features of fifty years. Half-a-century ago Baron M. A. de Rothschild was living where the Saville Club is now; and No. 143, which was Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild's, has also passed into other hands. The Marquis of Northampton in the seventies had a house in Piccadilly, and amongst other residents of that period were Lord Ashburton (at Bath House), the Hon. F. W. Cadogan, whose house formed part of the site which is now occupied by the Junior Constitutional Club, Lord and Lady Osborne-Walpole and the Countess of Rosebery, whose house, No. 139, is now the Baron d'Erlanger's. There are Rothschilds to-day as there were then at No. 148; and their immediate neighbour, the Duke of Wellington, leaves unchanged in family tradition the famous Apsley House at Hyde Park Corner.

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Mr. Harry Gosling, Minister of Transport, at a luncheon said that he hoped soon to give details of a scheme for the improvement of roads in the Highlands at a cost of £2,000,000 to give work to 3,000 men.

Sir Henry Maybury, Director-General of Roads, referred to the proposed new traffic bridge over the Firth of Forth. It would cost a lot of money, but never mind the cost, let them take heart and get a move on.

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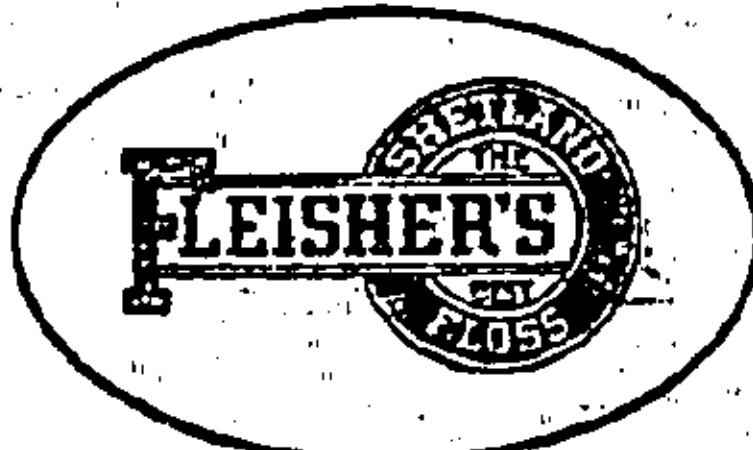
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL AS
LEADER OF THE ANTI-
SOCIALISTS.

SOME LESSONS OF THE WORLD
FLIGHT OF BRITISH AIRMEN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, September 30th.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

Mr. Winston Churchill's adoption by the Unionist Party in the Epping Division marks his definite return to the political fold in which he was in the days of his youth. Since those days he has been Liberal, Liberal Coalitionist, Liberal Free Trader, Independent, and of late Constitutional and Anti-Socialist. At the election in the Abbey Division of Westminster early this year he was opposed by the official Unionist candidate, and in a four-cornered contest only lost the seat by a narrow margin to Mr. Otto Nicholson, who had the backing of the Unionist Party machine. His election as Member for Epping seems tolerably certain; for it is a constituency with an unbroken Conservative tradition.

For a long time past there has been weakness in debate in the House of Commons on the side of the Conservative Party. Mr. Churchill, it is felt, would be a tower of strength to the forces definitely opposed to Socialism. It is no secret that he has received numerous invitations from Unionist Associations in different parts of the country to stand as a candidate. Outside official circles of the Unionist Party his re-entry into Parliament as a Unionist for a constituency that gives some promise of a victory is regarded with lively satisfaction; and even among the official caucus there is pleasure though it may not be openly expressed.

It is realised that we are in for a strenuous time in politics. To be quite candid, opinion in the country is for not trusting Labour as a Government with a strong majority over all parties in the House of Commons. There is a suspicion that the moderation of the last few months is largely make-believe. The "fake" Treaty with Russia destroyed the confidence of many in the ability of Ministers to resist the pressure of shadowy figures of extremists who lurk behind every Labour Government.

A DEFINITE POLICY.

What heartens the average Unionist elector in Mr. Churchill's re-appearance on the stage is the fact that he has been wise enough to see that there can only be one true dividing line politically for many years to come in British politics. In his view the smooth assurances that are constantly made that Mr. MacDonald and his colleagues in the Government represent the worst that is to be feared from Socialism are deceptive. Rightly or wrongly the belief is held very widely that what we have had since Labour has been in office—it has, of course, never been in power—is merely a prologue to the full drama of disruption of established things which would inevitably follow if the Socialists were to be given a free hand. The Unionist Party offers the most powerful force against the men who imagine that in order to improve social conditions you must first destroy Society as it is.

GOVERNMENT AND THE COTTON TRADE.

Lancashire is keenly alive to the detriment that may be done to the interests of the cotton trade if the designs of the French Government are not countered in time. Under the Peace Treaty Alsace-Lorraine has the privilege of sending cotton goods into Germany free of duty until next January, and it is known that the French Government are trying to negotiate a Treaty that would give semi-preference to the arrangement. Every one conversant with trade matters is well aware that the privilege enjoyed by the French has operated to our disadvantage already, and it is very easy to perceive what would be the result if it were to be stereotyped. We should have factories erected in France for the German trade, because these could be worked most advantageously under the protection of a tariff in France and her colonies, while Lancashire goods would be penalised.

A deputation representative of the cotton trade waited on the Prime Minister this week and put the essential facts before him. They did not ask for special favours under the trade agreement with Germany, but they demanded equal opportunities with France and any other competitors that may appear. Mr. MacDonald seemed alive to the importance of the subject, and promised the active support of the Government. With this promise to go upon the Lancashire cotton trade may be trusted to see that he is kept well posted up. I do not suppose that Germany would in the ordinary way be disposed to give the French preferential treatment; but then there is the question of the evacuation of the Ruhr, and there is a feeling here that our neighbours across the Channel are not above using this as a lever.

A MAN OF MAGIC.

Warm tributes are paid to the work of Mr. Nevil Maskelyne, of Egyptian Hall and St. George's Hall fame, who has passed away. He was in the very first rank as a magician—a wonder-worker who delighted children for over a generation, and their elders as well. His father founded the business in Piccadilly which was long the home of mystery, and earned the thanks of all rational people by the success he achieved in exposing shams and frauds under the guise of spiritualism. There was nothing that the spiritualists with their mediums and circles and table-rappings claimed as supernatural that Maskelyne senior failed to expose, showing that it was easily possible to do as much and more by a trick. The son who has died carried on the tradition. When Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was getting a large amount of attention a few years ago by claiming to hold conversations with spirits Mr. Maskelyne challenged him to a test. But the challenge was evaded. The aim of the Maskelynes was to entertain, not to impose

upon the credulous. In another and earlier age they could have made fortunes by pretending to have powers they did not possess, or on the other hand, they might, being past masters of their art as magicians, have been burned at the stake! But their magic was honest. It was produced by sheer hard work allied to ability. Some of their illusions, took years to perfect. It reminds one of the story of Whistler, who was once asked with indignation if he charged two hundred guineas for painting a picture that only occupied him a couple of days. "No," he replied, "but for the experience of a lifetime."

STAGE WARFARE.

For weeks past a wordy warfare has been carried on by the Actors' Association on the one side and the Stage Guild on the other, and the public have only been mildly interested. Both these bodies have in the main the same object in view—namely, to safeguard the interests of all average work and woman who has to live by the theatre. But the Stage Guild comprises in its membership both actors and managers, while the Actors' Association is more or less run on Trade Union lines. The latter talk darkly of managerial influence, which they think must tell against them in the case of a dispute over wages or other kindred matters.

Now, there is talk of a boycott promoted by the Association. They threaten to close theatres all over the country until they get certain terms as regards conditions of work and pay accepted by theatrical managers everywhere. They want, for one thing, a minimum wage, just as any other Trade Union wants it for its members. They also want guarantees of the bona fides of managers of touring companies so as to prevent companies from being stranded. This happened recently in the case of a company in Hull, where the unfortunate players were left without a penny, and the girls had to find shelter for the night in a police station. The bogus manager is a person the Guild and the Association desire to eliminate; and with this object in common they should be able to discover a way to compose other differences. I hear that it is probable that this will be done.

THRIFT AMONG THE PEOPLE.

Many people harbour a vague belief that "thrift" is a declining virtue in this country, especially as regards the working classes. Fortunately, this is not true. Small savings in the post-war period accumulate at a much greater rate than they did in the years preceding the war. In 1922 over 81 million pounds was paid into the Post Office Savings Bank in England and Wales; and at the end of that year a total amount exceeding 244 million pounds was due to depositors. These figures are in striking contrast with those for 1902, when there was about 40 million pounds in savings, and 143 million in credits. To-day more than ten million people have accounts at the Bank, which indicates with exceptional accuracy the extent of small savings.

Side by side with this notable record we have the fact that the sale of National Savings Certificates varies about a level of £500,000 in a week, and since this excellent form of investment for small sums was introduced the total number of certificates sold has mounted to 700,000,000 in round figures.

From the foregoing it appears to me to be quite clear that the old sterling qualities of thrift have not deserted the British race. The figures are the more remarkable considering the difficulties there are for people of small means to have anything in these days of high prices for living and heavy taxation. However, there are the facts; and it is evident that the anti-revolutionary tendency of wage-earning men and women who desire to be self-supporting and independent is revealed in these figures about savings.

WORLD FLYING.

Squadron Leader MacLaren and one of his companions in the world flight, Flying Officer Plenderleith, were the guests of honour at a luncheon at the Hotel Cecil given by the Chairman and Directors of Vickers, Ltd., D. Napier & Sons, Ltd., and Shell Mex. Ltd. Sergeant Andrews was unable to be present owing to illness caused by his experiences as one of the gallant trio of airmen who made history by their attempt to circle the earth by air. MacLaren told the story of his splendid failure to a very distinguished company, and his narrative of adventure gave the impression of courage and endurance in all circumstances, and quite an extraordinary amount of back luck.

It was a coincidence that the feting of MacLaren in London should have taken place a few hours after the American airman, Lowell Smith and Nelson, finished their flight round the world. The coincidence suggests reflections. I believe that the first and foremost reflection is that a world flight is a sporting event, like crossing the Sahara by motor-car, or climbing Mount Everest; and that in the present stage of aviation it has only an indirect bearing on the problem of aerial communications. The next thought is that a great effort of the kind calls for the most elaborate preparations, and MacLaren's failure was due mainly because it was not sufficiently organised against the chances of failure.

The American flight was undertaken with the support of the army and navy, and there was the bottomless purse of the American taxpayer to draw upon, and the Americans sent out a team of four aeroplanes, of which 50 per cent. were lost and 50 per cent. got round the world. The contrast between the way the two adventures was planned is strikingly obvious. It is said here that while the flights have not proved anything that we did not know before, we get an indication that if the seas are to be spanned by aircraft for commercial purposes those craft must be rigid airships.

A CAPITAL LABOUR STORY.

I heard a good story this week which relates to an incident that occurred recently in South Wales. At a big engineering works the men asked the employers for permission to have a day at Wembley, and leave being granted it was decided to close the works on that day. Then a

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LOCAL SPORT.**CRICKET.****INTERPORT TRIAL.**

A trial match was begun yesterday at 1.45 p.m. between sides captained by Col. Robertson and T. E. Pearce respectively. The weather was ideal and the wicket on the fast side.

The full score and analysis are given herewith, but only a fragmentary account, as I shall discuss the game in some detail to-morrow in some extra notes. I also hope then to deal with the details regarding the team from Malaya, which has been published already.

The feature of the first innings of Col. Robertson's side was a good 45 by Rev. E. K. Quick. He did not hurry for runs, but watched the ball very closely. The feature of his knock was his beautifully crisp square cutting. Ramsay took full advantage of the short boundary to leg off. Pendered, but he was hitting across them, and was bowled the first time he tried it to Bowker, who with Hargreaves shared the bowling honours. The latter, however, seemed a bit on the short side.

More played a really good innings for his 35—far and away ahead of anything he has done this year. Pearce was evidently out for some batting practice as he was very watchful. Owen Hughes took More magnificently at first slip.

R. ARBIT.

Scores:—

CUL. ROBERTSON'S SIDE.

| | |
|---|-----|
| A. W. Ramsay, b Bowker | 20 |
| H. N. halbachet, b Bowker | 10 |
| H. Owen Hughes, c Hamilton, b Hargreaves | 18 |
| Lieut.-Col. E. G. Matthews, b Bowker | 0 |
| Rev. E. K. Quick, c More, b Arculli | 45 |
| E. J. R. Mitchell, c Strupp, b Hargreaves | 0 |
| J. C. Lyl, c Stewart, b Arculli | 26 |
| U. Omar, run out | 1 |
| E. H. Holdman, not out | 14 |
| F. N. Young, b Hargreaves | 13 |
| Q.M.S. Jacob, lb.w. Hargreaves | 2 |
| Extras | 16 |
| Total | 165 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Bowker | 12 | 2 | 26 | 3 |
| Pendered | 4 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| Hargreaves | 9.2 | 1 | 22 | 4 |
| Hamilton | 4 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Arculli | 7 | 0 | 23 | 2 |
| Evans | 3 | 1 | 23 | 0 |

MR. PEARCE'S SIDE.

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|---|-----|
| H. G. Wallington, lb.w. Powell | 0 |
| E. F. Stewart, lb.w. Jacob | 2 |
| G. R. More, c Owen Hughes, b Powell | 35 |
| T. E. Pearce, c Quick, b Lyl | 23 |
| Pay-Joint-Comdr. Hargreaves, c Owen Hughes, b Lyl | 6 |
| B. D. Evans, b Omar | 13 |
| Capt. Kent, c Matthews, b Halbachet | 21 |
| Q.M.S. Strupp, c Omar, b Quick | 4 |
| T. D. E. Pendered, not out | 24 |
| Extras | 19 |
| Total (for 8 wkts.) | 147 |

E. W. Hamilton, A. cl Arculli, and A. C. I. Bowker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Powell | 11 | 1 | 47 | 2 |
| Jacob | 5 | 0 | 22 | 1 |
| Lyl | 6 | 2 | 19 | 2 |
| Omar | 4 | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| Quick | 5 | 0 | 18 | 1 |
| Young | 3 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Halbachet | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 |

H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 1st XI. v. the Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m., on the latter's ground:—L. D. McNicoll (capt.), D. E. G. Nicholson, W. W. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, J. D. Humphreys, C. Blaker, W. Galloway, E. D. Matthews, G. B. Vallack, W. J. Hope, and G. H. Piery.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. NAVY 2nd XI.

In this match on Saturday at 2 p.m., at Happy Valley, the Hongkong Cricket Club will be composed of B. M. Macal-pire (capt.), C. T. Fowle, P. K. Hepburn, H. M. Howell, D. H. F. McMaster, R. H. Wadman, N. C. Barber, C. F. Lloyd, H. J. Stevenson, H. Spicer, and W. Brackenridge.

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deputation of shop stewards waited on the management and pointed out that the men would lose their wages for 4½ hours on the Saturday (Saturday is, of course, a half day) on which the trip to London was to be made. They asked that the men might work one hour a day extra for 40 days, and half an hour on Friday so as to avoid losing wages. This request was granted by the employers.

The men accordingly visited Wembley without loss of earnings. But the following week the employers got a notice from the Trade Union that as the men had been working "overtime" they ought to be paid time and a half for the 4½ hours. Naturally the employers declined to pay. Now they have received an official intimation from the Union that "It must not occur again." How is that for Trade Union mentality?

**ABERDEEN MURDER CHARGE.
MAN SENT FOR TRIAL.**

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the case was continued in which Lam Yin, a young Chinese, stands charged with the murder of Chau Yau Tai, a boatwoman, at Aberdeen on September 23rd.

Mr. J. H. B. Nibill conducted the case for the Crown.

Another boatwoman, giving evidence, stated that on the night of September 23rd, the deceased, whom she knew, rowed alongside her sampan. Deceased was bleeding from a wound in the neck. Witness accompanied her to Aberdeen Police Station. Witness, and deceased were there when the defendant was brought in, and the deceased, on seeing him, at once exclaimed "It is he."

Chau Ming, a Chinese constable, said that on the night of September 23rd, acting on instructions from his Inspector, he went with another constable to look for robbers. He engaged a boat and rowed about the harbour. He saw the defendant clinging to the rudder of a fishing junk, which was anchored in the stream just beyond the docks. Witness took him into the boat, and later to the station. There the deceased was sitting outside the charge room. She pointed to the defendant and said "This is the man."

The defendant was committed to the Sessions.

WEDDING.**LAKE-WALSHAM.**

A naval wedding took place in Foochow on October 21st when Miss Florence May Walsham, daughter of the Commissioner of Customs in Foochow, and Lt. Comdr. Henry Neville Lake, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., were married. Bishop Hind, assisted by Revs. E. M. Norton and W. P. W. Williams, of Foochow, performed the ceremony, which took place in the British Church, the date chosen being the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walsham's wedding. The bride wore ivory satin and was attended by four bridesmaids and flower girls. After the wedding reception, Lieut. and Mrs. Lake left for Kuling, where the honeymoon will be spent. H.M.S. *Titanic*, H.M.S. *Petersfield* and H.M.S. *Ilithyia*, with four submarines, were at Foochow for the occasion.

I.R.C. v. KOWLOON C.C.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI. in a friendly match against the Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI. on the former's ground at 2.15 p.m. next Saturday:—H. D. Ramjahn, S. A. R. Ismail, Sirdar Khan (capt.), N. B. Kitchell, R. Nazarin, E. A. Moosdeen, J. S. Ackley, Y. A. Wahab, A. Kitchell, A. R. Minu, M. P. Madar. Reserves: Espina and J. Cussamboy.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.**NAVY v. ARMY.**

At Sookunpoo, a good number of service men turned out to witness a Charity match, the gate going to assist the fund being raised for the widow of the late Signalman Skinner, Royal Corps of Signals.

It was thought that the game would end in favour of the sailors, for the Army had out a weak defence, and the Navy forwards ran through almost from the kick-off, scoring in the first minute through McBrinn. However the Army soon got going, and after forcing a couple of abortive corners, Hummerstone scored from a well placed centre by Nash. The play was very fast, and in favour of the Army. A mistake by a back who kicked the ball twice when taking a goal kick, almost brought disaster to the Navy, but the ball was sent across the goal-mouth from the free kick and went outside. Roberts had hard luck with a fast drive, the ball striking the crossbar with Dobson beaten. Hummerstone gave the Army the lead following a scramble near the Navy goal, Wavish apparently being unsighted. At the interval the scores were: Army 2, Navy 1.

In the second half, although the Army had the better of the play there was no score. Towards the close the Army were awarded a penalty for hands, but Butler failed from the spot kick.

The final whistle sounded with the half-time score unaltered.

The teams:—Navy—Wavish (Tamar); Ball (Am-brose) and Leonard (Diomed); Lockwood (Diomed); Hindford (Tamar) and Brown (Tamar); Longnire (Bluebell); Roberts (Tamar); McBrinn (Bluebell); Connor (Am-brose) and Stagg (Diomed).

Army—Dobson (R.A.); Jordan (Surreys) and Lieut. Smith (R.A.); McBride (R.C. of S.); Mitchell and Fetter (Surreys); Charlesworth, Eaton, Hummerstone and Butler (Surreys), and Nash (R.A.M.C.). Referee: Mr. Wakeman.

SUMMARY COURT.

[BEFORE THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE (MR. H. E. J. COMPTON).]

LANDLORD SEEKS POSSESSION.

On the ground that the tenant, Mak Kwai Kee, had been convicted of using the premises for an illegal purpose, Wong Kun Tai sought possession of No. 74, Third Street (ground floor).

Mr. R. E. A. Webster appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended. Mr. Webster pointed out that defendant had been convicted for using the premises as a gaming house; Mr. Russ would admit that.

Mr. Russ said that his point would be that immediately after the conviction, the plaintiff accepted rent. His argument was that the landlady could not go on accepting rent and all the while threatening ejection. She had to decide at once whether she was going to take advantage of the voidable tenancy.

Mr. Webster admitted that rent had been accepted up to the expiry of the notice to quit, September 8th.

Mr. Russ pointed out that there was no direct authority for the point he had made, but it was an ordinary rule of law. In support of his argument Mr. Russ quoted "Hartley v. Blacker," though he added that the judgment had been overruled twice. By accepting rent the plaintiff had created a new tenancy by operation of law.

Mr. Webster pointed out that the effect of the Ordinance was to deprive the landlord of his common law right to give a notice to quit except under certain circumstances. The present case was one of those circumstances. There was no question of forfeiture. He claimed that the defendant, having been convicted, the landlord had the right to give notice to quit, and, in common law, rent was acceptable right up to the time that the notice expired. The acceptance did not avoid the right. The question raised by Mr. Russ as to condonation was a matter of evidence though he would go so far as to say that it did not matter when the writ was issued. He asked his Lordship to hold that the notice was given with all reasonable speed.

His Lordship, who reserved judgment, said Mr. Russ's point was well worth looking into.

CLAIM FOR \$300.

USE OF A FICTITIOUS NAME.

The rightful ownership of money handed over to defendant was the question his Lordship was asked to decide in a peculiar case yesterday morning.

Ho Tsu Ting made a claim for \$300 against Wong Chan-ting, being a balance of \$600 paid to the defendant in September, 1923.

Mr. D. MacCallum defended, and plaintiff was represented by Mr. C. H. Lyson.

There was a second action instituted by Wan Yick-wan against both men involved in the first action for \$600, which he claimed was paid by him to Ho Tsu-ting with instructions pay this to defendant.

In outlining the case Mr. Lyson said defendant intended to float a steel foundry company, with a capital of \$15,000 in 15 shares. Plaintiff agreed to take three of the shares, and paid the first call of \$200 on each share. The company was never formed, and, of course, plaintiff asked for the money to be refunded. The sum of \$300 was paid on account on March 24th, this year. When approached for the balance defendant gave plaintiff a letter addressed to his firm in Canton, asking them to pay over \$300. He went to Canton; but the firm said defendant had not the money with which to pay. The receipt was in the name of the Hop Sing Kung Sze, but plaintiff used this fictitious name because he intended these shares to be handed to his son.

His Lordship: I have never heard of anyone using the name of a firm for his son.

Mr. Lyson: One name is as good as another, if it is going to be fictitious. Defendant, in the box, stated that when plaintiff brought him the money he said that it did not belong to him, but was Wan Yick-wan's, who wanted to trade as the Hop Sing Kung Sze. When a decision was reached to the effect that the company should not be formed, he repaid \$300 to the plaintiff on account, but because Ho said he had lost the receipt for the \$300, he did not pay anything further. Wan Yick-wan later instructed him not to pay plaintiff any more money. When the writ was issued he immediately paid \$300 into Court.

Wan Yick-wan stated that he paid \$600 to plaintiff on August 18th, instructing him to give it to Wong Chan-ting. He made a special point of instructing him to make use of the name Hop Sing. Plaintiff gave Wong's receipt (produced). In the afternoon when the hearing continued, Mr. MacCallum pointed out that the verbal evidence was very conflicting, but as written it was not very conflicting. If his Lordship accepted the first receipt as genuine, and there was nothing in the evidence to the contrary, (Continued on next column.)

CANTON NEWS.

THE AFTERMATH OF DR. SUN'S "MAGNIFICENT VICTORY."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Kah Wah Saving Bank on the West Bund, Canton, a financial institution in which the Baptists of the city are largely interested, has resumed business despite of the reported intention that Bolshevism is to be proclaimed in Canton on November 1st. The Kah Wah Bank succeeded in escaping being looted by the Reds on October 15th by having gained the protection of General Yang Hsi Min, the Garrison Commissioner, who stationed a platoon of cadets on its premises to protect the property.

The Kwangchow Min Kuo Yi Pao, a Kuomintang organ, in a special edition on October 28th, reported that communism would soon go into effect at Hongkong. The Chinese Commercial News of Hongkong expressed the belief that the motive of the Kuomintang organ was to discourage a further exodus of Cantonese to Hongkong.

The Kwangtung Electricity Supply Company of Canton, to avoid being nationalized in accordance with the Kuomintang policy of public ownership of all public utilities, has agreed to remit to the Red Headquarters in Canton \$250,000, and to the office of Governor Hu Han Min, \$30,000, says the *Wa Sheung Chung Wai Po*.

By a house to house search in Canton, since the massacre of October 15th, for Merchants Volunteers and their relatives, exacting fines from firms sustaining the Volunteer Movement, the Reds in Canton have raised nearly \$140,000 in cash alone, besides several thousand pieces of arms found among the citizens whether Volunteers or not. The Reds are allowing three per cent of their income to the Police for having conducted them around the city in this searching business.

Mr. Hu Han Min, Civil Governor in Canton, has instructed the district magistrates subject to his order to forbid the circulation within their respective jurisdictions of the following Hongkong Chinese newspapers: The *Wah Tai Po*, the *Tai Kwong Pao*, the *Tsun Wan Pao*, and the *Hongkong Morning Post* (Chinese). These papers are anti-Bolshevistic in sentiment and termed by the Reds in Canton as organs of rebels. Mr. Hu has commented favourably on the *Hongkong China News* and the *Hongkong Morning Post* (Chinese), two Kuomintang newspapers in Hongkong, and advised the magistrates to promote their circulation in their districts.

Canton City, newspaperless since Oct. 7th, may again have its daily papers early in November, as the composers on strike for 40 per cent. increase in pay are now willing to modify their demands.

The ultimatum of the Kuomintang Reds in Canton to the native bankers, the wholesale rice dealers, and the pawnbrokers to reopen their shops before Oct. 27th or be severely dealt with appears to have no effect whatever. The greater part of their capital was lost through the barbarous destruction on the memorable 15th of October. According to the latest estimate, 18 of the 99 odd pawn-shops in Canton were totally destroyed or looted during the massacre. For the present, the pawn-shops are only redeeming pledges. They are refusing further loans, an action bringing no little hardship to the poor. The 300 large rice importers connected with the Wing On, Yeung Wo, and Yang Yuen Tong Rice Guild, and the 350 odd native banks affiliated with the Chung Shen Tong Banking Guild, are all suspending business of importance until the Canton situation is settled. The leading Cantonese merchants are unwilling to trust the Kuomintang Red regime under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and there is no likelihood of normal business until Dr. Sun is gone.

It would rather give a clue as to what actually took place—that the money was advanced by Wan Yick-wan, that the plaintiff in the first action knew it was his money, knew the alias, and that he submitted, pointed to the plaintiff being an agent, the authority of an agent was limited, however, for as soon as he paid over the money he was finished. He asked that plaintiff be non-suited, not being the right man to sue. He submitted that judgment should be given for the defendant. He had put the evidence before the plaintiff's solicitor, and was prepared to give plaintiff in the first action an absolutely clean receipt for the \$600.

Mr. Lyson said that the issue at stake was one as to whether the money came from the plaintiff or the second witness. From whoever it came that party used a fictitious name. It was an invented name, and the person concerned was as much entitled to use that as any other name. He submitted that it was easier to believe plaintiff's story than that of the second witness. All three were on friendly terms, having known each other for at least three years.

If the second witness had wanted to take a share in this firm, why should he not pay the money direct instead of passing it through the hands of a third person? On the facts of the case he submitted that judgment should be given in the favour of plaintiff.

On the first count his Lordship gave judgment for defendant with costs, and on the second judgment for plaintiff for \$300 against Ho Tsu-ting, with costs, the \$300 paid into Court to be taken by plaintiff in part satisfaction of this judgment. He would make no order against Wong Chan-ting.

HONGKONG'S DEFENCE OF OPIUM MONOPOLY.

COMMENTS OF THE ANTI-OPIUM ASSOCIATION.

COLONY'S VALID DEFENCE AT GENEVA.

In the recent Customs report issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports at Hongkong we note (says a paper issued by the International Anti-Opium Association) that whilst the Government has made full use of their authorization to double their previous opium importation for home consumption, the Colony has not consumed that quantity.

During 1923 instead of buying 240 chests of opium, only 163 were thus treated. This failure to dispose of the 240 chests indicates one of two things, either that 240 chests per annum is in excess of the local demand by opium smokers—for there is no check upon the consumption of opium apart from the high price charged for Government opium and the penalties for illicit transactions—or that the failure to sell the 240 chests is due to increased smuggling into the Colony of Chinese cheap opium.

When the International Anti-Opium Association in conjunction with other societies in England, and the Chinese representative on the League of Nations Committee, strongly protested against the increase of Hongkong importation from 120 chests to 240 chests per annum, the defence was made at the League that there would be no actual increase in opium consumption because during the years in which only 140 chests had been imported reserve stocks had been drawn on to meet the local demand. The reserve stock on December 31st, 1922, was only 26 chests, whereas on the same date in 1923 it was 101 chests.

It would appear, therefore, that in a year like 1923 in which the Colony imported a total of 766 chests of Indian and Persian opium (of which 500 chests were exported presumably to Macao and Formosa) a balance of 260 chests was left on hand. Hence the consumption of only 163 instead of 240 was not due to any shortage nor was it due to any further increase in the selling price. As no attempts have been made by the Government to restrict opium consumption other than by the high price charged, is the difference due to increased smuggling, or the lessened use on the part of the Chinese?

We are not prepared, says the Association, to think that the Chinese in Hongkong are giving up the opium habit, therefore must conclude that the smuggling of Chinese opium is on the increase. The recent report laid before the Hongkong Legislative Council affirms that the smuggled Chinese opium used in Hongkong is equal in quantity to that sold in a legitimate manner by the Government. This fact is of great importance, for it will be made the principal line of defence at next month's Conference at Geneva.

The Hongkong Government has already published an able defence of their position in which they have categorically dealt with each of the League Conference proposals, and have advanced very cogent reasons against any change in their opium regulations. Any unbiased person will unquestionably agree that if a social evil cannot be totally suppressed then it is infinitely preferable to have it under control, than as in China at the present time, where the law totally prohibits opium, and yet practice indicates general and unrestricted use.

DANGERS OF PROHIBITION.

The whole problem reduces itself to this one debatable question namely, "under the present conditions of unlimited opium production in China can Hongkong wisely close her monopoly and totally prohibit opium?" From the moral point of view, yes! Opium is recognized by the world as one of, if not the greatest of social evils for which no defence exists, but would prohibition in Hongkong get rid of it? It is impossible to think so, knowing that the Colony is but a stone's throw from the Chinese mainland. To declare total prohibition in Hongkong would call forth passing of moral acclamation all over the world, but at the same time would immerse the Colony in an illicit traffic which no preventive service could control. If in 1923 the Senior Revenue Officer in Hongkong alone captured 710 illicit divan keepers, 3,250 illicit opium smokers, 288 traffickers in opium and 60 boilers of illicit opium in a Colony where Government opium is unrestricted, it can only be imagined how these numbers would increase under prohibition. The moral victory would be converted into a legislative and social disaster, and of the two evils it is always wise to choose the less. Hongkong by the sole reason of her contiguity, waits for China.

SMUGGLING UNPREVENTABLE.

So long as Chinese opium is grown in such enormous quantities and sold at such cheap rates, the brain of man could not devise efficient measures for the prevention of smuggling into Hongkong. All anti-opium workers are presumably working to lessen opium consumption, and not merely to get rid of particular methods of disposal, therefore, whilst it is deeply regrettable that a British Colony should still be participating in a traffic which is universally declared to be "indefensible," still it is the lesser evil and it is a controlled one.

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"BLACK WEDNESDAY" AT CANTON.

SOME OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

According to the Reds' own version, the looting, committed by the Kuomintang following during the massacre of Cantonese and destruction of Canton City, on October 15th, involved but 1,881 homes and shops, with a loss to the owners of but \$1,047,138. The 2nd Police District and the 1st sub-station of the 7th District, did not report the loss in estimated value. The reports from some districts also mentioned the holding up of refugees carrying baggage, but so far only 71 such cases have come to the attention of the authorities. A number of homes and shops were deserted by their former occupants soon after the massacre, and the Police afterwards found it impossible to compile the record. In the 6th Police district, 10 cases of holding-up refugees on the streets alone are reported with a loss of \$10,772 in currency.

The foregoing figures did not include the amount of damage done by the Reds through incendiarism, which, according to an official report from the Red headquarters, included some 688 buildings and involved several thousand homes, offices, and shops totally or partially burned down. Insurance on these properties alone was under-written at more than \$25,000,000, a rough estimate given a few days after the massacre.

As far as official admission goes, during the massacre Dr. Sun's Reds on that day only accidentally shot 39 men and 3 women and wounded 31 men and 2 women and a number of others they believed to be Merchants Volunteers in rebellion against the Kuomintang Red Government. The Volunteers said that as far as is known, only 18 of their men were killed on that Black Wednesday and that many of the others found dead were non-combatants. The Reds buried up to October 16th numbered 534, some 121 being men belonging to Li Fook Lam's division of the Red Army, the rest being Reds commanded by Wu Te Chen, who supervised the work of the Reds during the massacre.

THE EASTERN COLONIES AND OPIUM.

IF LICIT SALE CEASES —

Alluding to the League of Nations Conference on Opium which opens next Monday, the *Straits Times* remarks:—

Essentially the question for consideration at Geneva is whether prohibition is possible. The Malayan Governments can cease to produce and sell chandu but that does not end the matter. There can be no possible question that if licit sale ceases, smuggling will enormously increase, and that it would be impossible to check it without a ten times larger preventive staff than the Colony possesses at present. That preventive service would be futile unless it made itself an intolerable nuisance to every shipmaster, every merchant, and above all every Chinese, who enters any port in the Malay Peninsula. Even at present, thousands of Chinese who are absolutely innocent of smuggling designs are subjected to humiliating and irksome search of their baggage, and even of their persons. Traders of every nationality are concerned. Chinese in particular are most seriously threatened if the present system is changed. To find a substitute for the opium revenue would mean an income-tax about five times as high as the war tax we abolished. The cost of a big preventive service would add gravely to the embarrassments of the Colony. No doubt there are a good many people who will say that if Government control of opium is abolished, the Chinese should be left to buy or not to buy the drug as they please. Free trade in poison is what these persons advocate, but can we tolerate such a system? Some of the anti-opiumists seem to infer that the essence of the whole matter is not the damage, moral and material, that is done to users by the drug, but that all the evil is in "State recognition" of the vice. We have been made painfully familiar with that peculiar mental attitude in another connection.

These considerations do not apply to those other monopolies of the East, which are removed from China by long sea journeys. There opium from China could only enter by ocean steamers or Chinese junka capable of making long sea trips, and these could be more easily watched by a preventive service, but in Hongkong where at least 10,000 coolies daily cross and recross to China, smuggling could not be prevented. Of all the monopolies of the East, Hongkong has far and away the lowest per capita consumption of opium, even though the smuggled amount be added to the legal sales. Whilst deplored the fact, therefore, of the Hongkong monopoly, we repeat the words of her Governor that no financial consideration will stand in the way of reduction and ultimate total prohibition but it must be *patri-passu* with similar conditions in China.—*N.C. Daily News*.

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R. A. DOBBIN, Lt.-Col. R.A.P.C.,
Treasury Chest Officer,
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 30th October, 1924. [1422]

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Hongkong, 29th October, 1924. [1421]

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Hongkong, 28th October, 1924. [1420]

NOTICE.

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All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 1st November, 1924, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSE, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1924. [1411]

S.S. "CAPITAINE FAURE"

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Hongkong, 27th October, 1924. [1410]

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Hongkong, 28th October, 1924. [1415]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 28th October, 1924. [1416]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. ROWE,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1924. [1396]

HONGKONG BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

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Hongkong, 24th October, 1924. [1405]

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SPRINGBOURNE—POORITZ.—At Shanghai, on October 24th, ANNE SPRINGBOURNE of Hongkong, to OLGA POORITZ of Jalta, Russia.

DEATH.

PEREIRA.—At No. 1, Redanella Terrace, Hongkong, on the 29th instant, AURELIA PEREIRA, aged 70 years. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m., to-day. [1424]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 30TH, 1924.

CHINA'S CIVIL WAR.

Events are shaping themselves in the North in the way we expected and foreshadowed in the comments we made on the announcement made by General FENG YU HSIANG that his intention in seizing Peking and deposing the President was to end the war. Nobody could have imagined that Wu Pei-fu, the Commander-in-Chief of the Government forces, would take this blow from one of his subordinate officers lying down. No one could have seriously believed that the mandate extorted from the President by FENG banishing Wu Pei-fu to the Tibetan marshes would be weekly obeyed. It is now clear that FENG is not to be allowed to hold the Capital without a struggle, but, happily the indications are that the struggle will be fought out, and, we hope, decided, well away from the walls of Peking.

The cables have told us that the Capital is now practically denuded of troops. General FENG has moved them presumably in the direction of Tientsin in order to contest Wu Pei-fu's advance, and the battle ground, if there is a serious battle, will probably be about midway between Tientsin and Peking. But the indications

we are told, are that the battle is not imminent. Marshal Wu is drawing reinforcements from all parts of the country in which he has any sort of control. Meanwhile we have very little doubt that General FENG will make an attempt to parley with him, seeking the end of the war by mutual agreement of the principal protagonists. There is little prospect, however, of such an effort succeeding.

Wu Pei-fu evidently regards FENG's coup, in the language of the poker table, as a bluff, and he intends to call it. It is becoming more clearly revealed than ever that Wu is firmly bent on becoming the Military Dictator of China. While his concentration movements are in progress so near to Tientsin, it becomes an interesting question how long the Powers are likely to abstain from active military intervention to enforce respect for the undertakings in the Boxer Protocol. It is stated in one of the cables that the Senior Consul at Tientsin has called on Wu Pei-fu at his headquarters to call his attention to the provisions of the Protocol. The Chinese Government, after the Boxer rebellion in 1900, conceded to the Powers the right to occupy certain points to be determined by agreement between them for the maintenance of open communication between the Capital and the sea. These points are Huang-tsun, Lang-fang, Yang-tsun, Tientsin, Chang-liang-cheng, Tong-ku, Lu-tai, Tong-shan, Lan-chou, Chang-li, Ching-wang-tao, and Shan-haikuan. It is hardly to be supposed that Wu Pei-fu will challenge the Powers to take the action which the Protocol warrants them taking. Railway communication is not yet entirely interrupted. The lines are simply monopolised by troop transport. An "international train" is running, but it takes twelve hours apparently to do the journey between Tientsin and Peking which in normal circumstances is done in little over three hours. The whole situation is grave from the international point of view, and its gravity is not lessened by the qualifications which Wu Pei-fu made a month ago in regard to his declaration that the Treaty rights of foreigners would be respected by him. It will be remembered that Marshal Wu insisted that his purpose was to suppress a rebellion, and he interpreted the declared intention of the Powers not to intervene, as including an undertaking not to impose any obstacles to the advance of the expeditionary force. Therefore, he expected that "facilities would be extended to the forces of the Government." This he considered to be not only "reasonable" but "permissible as an act of international courtesy." If the Powers do not accept this view—and in all the circumstances it is difficult to see how they can—but decide to stand firmly on a strict interpretation of their right under the Treaty and Agreements made with China, the situation may become acute enough for the Powers to take over the role which FENG desires to play as Peacemaker. Otherwise the course of events is likely, we imagine, to force FENG and CHANG TSO-LI to co-operate in the single object of defeating the military ambitions of Wu Pei-fu; but it is doubtful whether the co-operation would extend further than that. The end of the war cannot be considered yet to be in sight.

A pig dealer charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with having offered a \$1 bribe to an Indian constable was fined \$15.

An English case of diphtheria was the only case of notifiable disease in the daily return issued by the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

Alleged to have stolen a \$5 note from Mr. J. Xavier on the Kowloon fair ground, a Chinese was remanded by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Clothing and jewellery valued at \$500 are alleged to have been stolen from a house in Pitt Street, Yau-mati, by two men who were remanded at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Two other men, charged with receiving the articles, were also remanded.

A private cable from London published in the Straits papers says that forward contracts for rubber can now be made for July-December at 1s. 7d.

Among the departures for Shanghai by the *President Grant* yesterday were Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. J. Gubbay, Mr. D. W. Goodfellow, Mr. H. Seth, Mr. G. A. Harman, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin. The Autumn Races at Shanghai take place next week.

A fishing boat mistook a man for a shark the Marine Magistracy yesterday morning, for using grappling hooks without the permission of the Harbour Master, near the man-of-war anchorage. The excuse defendant put forward was that she dropped some clothing into the harbour and was trying to recover it.

The name of a witness in the case at the Marine Court on Tuesday against the master of the *Hai Foong* for fouling a cable in the harbour was incorrectly given in our report as Mr. A. Stevens of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. The witness was Mr. R. J. Stevenson of the Government's Electrical Department.

Among the passengers by the *Empress of Canada* which arrived yesterday were the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Lady Pollock, Mr. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. H. C. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Mrs. A. L. Shields, Mr. P. Tester, Mr. Geo. Grimble, Mr. R. Quarles van Ufford, Mr. S. Komor, Mrs. Russell Brown, Capt. and Mrs. W. Davison, and Mr. J. H. Donithorne.

Why have Englishmen so much difficulty in following these Chinese names? asks a writer in a London paper. They are, in construction, simplicity itself—single syllables of two or three or four letters in compound formation—and yet the average reader is as bewildered by them as if he were groping among algebraical formulae. (It is not really so far from "Li" and "Wu" to "x" and "y"). Our own Cholmondeleys and Marjoribankses can hardly be more perplexing to a foreigner.

ITALIAN OPERA.
"FAUST" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

A packed house at the Theatre Royal listened with high appreciation last night to an admirable rendering of "Faust" by Signor Carpi's Italian Opera Company at present visiting the Colony.

As at the previous night's performance of "Trovatore," the singing was of a high order. Last night Signor C. Milocchi, as Mephistopheles, carried off the chief laurels. His powerful and perfectly balanced voice, together with his very robust physique, made him a particularly impressive Genius of Evil, and he was deservedly applauded whenever he sang.

The singing of Signor E. Giletta, as Faust, was excellent, but the same can hardly be said for his acting. In the opening stages of the play, before his rejuvenation, he duly tottered as no doubt, he conceived that an old man should, but his movements tended rather to convey the impression of a dummy swaying on a pivot. Rejuvenated, however, he was much more at home with himself, and sang and walked the stage with admirable vigour. The audience liked him immensely, and applauded so heartily as to be rewarded with occasional encores.

Mlle. Castallani was a tuneful if rather portly Marguerite, and scored a great success, notably in the famous Jewel Song.

A word of praise must be bestowed upon Mlle. Aida Ballarín, as the boy Siebel. She has a charming voice, of which last night she made excellent use, and a better sense of the stage than most of the cast.

The production suffered from very long "waits" between the various acts, the reason for which was not easy to realize. In view of the fact that the "sets" of scenery were neither so heavy nor so elaborate as to call for much time in shifting.

Perhaps if this detail receives attention, subsequent performances will be allowed to finish at a more reasonable hour.

Last night's cast was as under:—Faust, Emanuele Giletta; Mephistopheles, Carlo Milocchi; Valentin, Fiefo Scamuzzi; Wagner, Sig. Contini; Siebel, Mlle. Aida Ballarín; Marguerite, Mlle. Castallani; and Martha, Mlle. Vittorina Polastri.

To-night the Company will present "Aida."

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

THE EVE OF THE POLL.

FRANCE'S RECOGNITION OF THE SOVIET.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATEST ELECTION NEWS.
NO ATTEMPTS TO FORECAST RESULTS.

LONDON, October 29th.

An especially noteworthy feature of the closing of the Election campaign is the absence of the customary attempts to forecast the results.

The Conservatives alone are hopeful of getting a clear majority, but admit this depends on a larger proportion of voters going to the poll than was the case last year. Mr. Baldwin's final appeal exhorts electors to vote Conservative "at this great crisis in our history."

The Liberals profess confidence in their retaining the balance of power in the new Parliament.

The Labourites voice expectations of a sweeping victory, but nowhere boast of an anticipation of a clear mandate.

ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNOUNCING RESULTS.

The results of approximately 225 constituencies will be published to-night and will be heard in comfort by millions throughout the country thanks to elaborate arrangements made in theatres, music halls and restaurants which will remain open till the early hours of the morning. The railways are running special night services. The results will also be broadcast by wireless until one o'clock in the morning.

EARLIER CABLES

LABOUR MINISTER EXPRESSES OPTIMISM.

LONDON, October 29th.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is indisposed, and was unable to address a meeting this afternoon at Derby.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, predicting a Labour return stronger than ever, said the Labourites would not resign as the result of the election. They would face Parliament with the King's speech, in which their policy was set out. "Those democrats, those progressive people, will be obliged to face Parliament and go to the lobby, when they will not only be obliged to say that they are turning us out, but also who they are putting in our place. That will be a very interesting division."

THE ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

ZINOVIEFF SAYS IT WAS FABRICATED IN POLAND.

Moscow, October 29th.

Zinovieff, in a statement to the Press, declares that his alleged letter is a forgery. He was undergoing a cure at Kislovodsk on September 15th, and was unable to sign any official letters. The alleged instructions to the military section of the British Communist Party were nonsense. Such a section does not exist, and the party has far more important things to consider than the creation of a British "Red" army, especially the task of bringing the views of the Communist International before the masses of British workers.

Zinovieff undertakes to abide by the decision of the British trade union commission with regard to the authenticity of the letter; and declares that it was fabricated in Poland.

CHINESE IN JAMAICA.

APPEAL TO STOP ALIEN IMMIGRATION.

KINROSS, (Jamaica), Oct. 29th.

Strong representations have been made to the Government by the Jamaica Imperial Association regarding the passing of Jamaica's trade into the hands of Chinese. An appeal is being made for the stoppage of alien immigration.

Many candidates make the exclusion of Chinese and Syrians the chief plank of their platform at the general election to the Legislative Council next January.

FRANCE RECOGNISES THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, October 29th.

The Government announce that France accorded official recognition to the Soviet Government this evening.

Moscow, October 29th.

M. Herriot's note conveying the *de jure* recognition of Russia suggests an immediate exchange of Ambassadors.

LATEST CABLES.

THE CONDITIONS.

PARIS, October 29th.

The French Note to Russia conveying recognition stipulates that the recognition will in no wise infringe any undertaking entered into by France. It also expressly reserves the rights of the French Government and citizens respecting obligations of former Russian regimes. Finally it insists on mutual non-interference with each other's internal affairs.

The Soviet Government's reply expresses the hope that all questions mentioned in the French Note will be satisfactorily settled in the forthcoming negotiations and welcomes the French declaration regarding internal non-interference.

OPINIONS IN PARIS.

While the Left newspapers applaud the recognition of Russia, the Opposition accept the fact with resignation, and derive comfort from the belief that real recognition will be only possible after the Franco-Russian conference, presumably in January, has settled outstanding questions, especially as regards debts.

They declare that the Anglo-Soviet negotiations typify the difficulties ahead. The *Figaro* voices the extremist view, declaring that France is a vanquished state in the eyes of Moscow. "Under the shelter of the red flag as a cover for diplomatic immunity a few hundred determined knaves will establish a revolutionary propaganda centre."

EARLIER CABLES.

IRISH ARRESTS.

ECHO OF QUEENSTOWN OUTRAGE.

LONDON, October 29th.

Seven men were arrested in Dublin this morning and remanded on a charge of the murder of Private Aspinall of the Royal Army Medical Corps at Queenstown on March 21st, by shooting him with machine-guns.

INDIAN ARRESTS.

APPEAL TO OBSERVE A HARTAL.

CALCUTTA, October 29th.

There have by now been 72 arrests under the new Ordinance.

The Bengali leaders have appealed to the whole country to observe November 1st as a "hartal," or day of mourning, as a protest against the Ordinance.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GHANDHI'S MISSION HELD UP.

VICEROY STEPS IN.

DELHI, October 29th.

Lord Reading has refused Gandhi permission to visit Kohat, whither he had intended to proceed with some Moslem friends in order to restore neighbourly relations between Hindus and Moslems.

The unsuccessful author's one comfort is the certainty that all successful authors are prostituting their Art.—*Mr. A. A. Milne.*

I give it as my deliberate opinion that the majority of employers to-day are striving to apply Christian ethics to industry.—*The Bishop of Bradford.*

THE CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SITUATION AT TIENSIN.
BATTLE NOT IMMINENT.

TIENSIN, October 29th.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu is not at present advancing beyond Yangtsun, where his troops are entrenched. Tientsin east and central stations are congested with troop trains from Tongku and Chinwangtao.

The indications are that a battle is not imminent. Wu is awaiting definite promises from Kiangsu, Hupeh, and Shantung. Numerous troop trains from Honan and Hsuehchow are coming in at present.

It is reliably stated that the Tongshan units, the Ninth and Twenty-third divisions, formerly commanded by General Wang Chen Ping are arriving from Hsuehchow across country in large numbers.

The senior consul called on Marshal Wu Pei Fu at his headquarters in the city of Tientsin and called attention to the protocol forbidding the stationing of troops in the vicinity of Tientsin.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson left Tientsin this morning to join H.M.S. *Harkness* at Taku.

The international train has returned from Peking and leaves again on Wednesday.

WU PEI FU'S MILITARY CONCENTRATION.

TIENSIN, October 29th.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu yesterday afternoon proceeded by railway to Yangtsun to inspect the troops at the front.

It is reported that several train loads of Shantung troops which had started northward were diverted to Yenhsowfu and proceeded to Lintsingchow.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu is reported to be sending trains on the Tsin-Pu line to Hsuehchow in order to obtain reinforcements from Honan.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu's troops are stated to number at present 15,000.

The Shanhaikwan front is quiet. Apparently there is a complete lull there.

The Allied military train which proceeded to Peking from Tientsin yesterday morning at six o'clock arrived there in the evening at six o'clock.

PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR WU PEI FU.

GENERAL FENG'S "TREACHERY" DENOUNCED.

SHANGHAI, October 29th.

A proclamation issued by Marshal Chi Hsih Yuan (of Kiangsu) to-day announces that the Military Governors of Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Anhui, Chekiang and Fukien, as well as practically the entire Chinese fleet have decided to support Marshal Wu Pei Fu. The proclamation denounces General Feng Yu Hsiang for his treachery.

ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENT AT SHANHAIKWAN.

BOMB DROPPED ON CRUISER "HAICHI."

PEKING, October 29th.

Authoritative reports from Chinwangtao state that Fengtien forces opened gun fire on the railway area at Shanhaikwan yesterday and the Chihli heavy guns replied for a prolonged time. Otherwise there was no fighting and there was no change on the whole front last evening. A Fengtien aeroplane registered a hit on the cruiser *Haichi*, damaging her main deck.

MUKDEN NEWS.

A COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH CANTON.

TOKYO, October 29th.

A message from Mukden dated the 28th inst. states that General Lu Yung Hsiang (the fugitive Governor of Chekiang) is expected there to-morrow.

Mr. Sun Fo is returning to Canton. It is understood that he has reached a complete agreement with Marshal Chang Tao Lin. According to a report from Adjutant-General Yang, the Fengtien second army is advancing to Lanchow from Lengchow and another army is advancing towards Shimenkai.

LATER.

A communique from Mukden claims the complete occupation of Lanchow on the afternoon of October 28th. "The Chihli forces are retreating, and the surrender of a large portion is stated to be imminent."

The foregoing claim is confirmed by semi-official despatches to Tokyo, which add that the defeated troops include the 14th, 26th, and 39th brigades.

CHANG TSO-LIN SUPPORTING FENG.

INDEPENDENCE OF MANCHURIA TO BE CANCELLED.

ANTICIPATION OF UNIFICATION OF ALL CHINA.

MUKDEN, October 29th.

Interviewed to-day by a representative of the Eastern News Agency, Marshal Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian War Lord, stated as follows:—

"The Peking Government will be taken over by Marshal Tuan Chi Jui and I am now making arrangements with General Feng Yu Hsiang for the purpose of supporting Marshal Tuan."

"I have now decided to cancel my former declaration of independence of the Three Eastern Provinces so that Manchuria may be placed within the sphere of influence of the Peking Government under the Presidency of Marshal Tuan Chi Jui."

"The appointment of Wu Pei Fu as Tsupan of the Land Development at Kokeno as announced by Tsoo Kun in his latest Presidential Mandate is nothing but a scrap of paper."

"Neither Tsoo Kun nor Wu Pei Fu will be able to escape their death unless the former resigns the present post while the latter takes to flight abroad."

"I feel convinced that it will not be long before peace and order in North China can be completely effected. Inasmuch as the Yangtze Valley is the only part that remains outside the sphere of influence of the Peking Government, it may be stated that an opportunity for the unification of China as a whole is near at hand."—*Eastern News Agency.*

A Reuter's message from Mukden dated the 29th inst. said:—

Marshal Chang Tso Lin announces that he has not yet determined on his visit to Peking. Should he go, he will have no intention of interfering in politics, which must be settled according to the popular wish.

Meanwhile, he has invited many Chihli leaders to Mukden, some of whom have arrived already, including General Feng Yu Hsiang's Chief of Staff.

The Mukden command intends circulating the Chihli-ites by aeroplane informing them of the recent coup in Peking, and advising their immediate surrender.

A VERITABLE WARWICK OF CHINA.

GEN. FENG'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

At the moment, says the *N.C. Daily News*, it is not absolutely clear that Feng Yu Hsiang turned on Tsoo Kun and Wu Pei Fu at the instigation of Marshal Chang Tso Lin. It is reported in Chinese circles that Feng Yu Hsiang is acting altogether on his own, supported, however, by several Chihli-party Tsehs who are weary of Wu Pei Fu's dominance.

Feng Yu Hsiang has become a veritable Warwick of China. He drove Hu Hsih Chang out of Peking. He drove Li Yuan Hung out of Peking. He has now driven Tsoo Kun out of the Presidency. In the short space of four years he has unmade three Presidents. His turning on Wu Pei Fu is astonishing but not inexplicable. They were both lieutenants of Tsoo Kun, who utilized them during the Second Revolution to put down a popular movement in support of Yuan Shih Kai. Their relationship was that of "sworn brothers." Wherever Wu Pei Fu went, Feng went as well. Together, they fought the Chihli-Anfu war and the Chihli-Fengtien war.

THE FIRST DIFFERENCE.

When Wu Pei Fu became the active dictator of the Chihli Party, Feng Yu Hsiang went down to Honan, where they began to disagree, largely over prestige. The first open breach was at a birthday celebration, when Feng Yu Hsiang sent Wu Pei Fu a bottle of distilled water as a sign of his dislike for Wu's drinking wine. They have not been on terms of personal intimacy since. Feng Yu Hsiang was made Inspector-General of the army and sent to Peking with the idea of shelving him. In this Wu Pei Fu was unsuccessful.

ADVENTUROUS YOUTH.

SAMPLING WEMBLEY'S ATTRACTIONS.

The remarkable adventure of a boy of ten at the Empire Exhibition came to light last month on the discovery of Thomas Gatlend, who has been missing from his foster-parents' home at Little Farleigh Green, near Warrington, Surrey. After an absence of three weeks he was found by a police-constable, who saw him standing near a coffee stall outside the Exhibition grounds.

On leaving home he went to the school penny bank and drew out his savings, to the amount of £2 6s., which he spent at the Exhibition. He stated that he had a good time, and enjoyed nearly all the amusements. He slept in a pipe outside the Exhibition. He seemed none the worse for his adventure. He had been once before to the Exhibition, when he travelled by bus and rail, and it is presumed he travelled by the same route.

SIR JOHN JORDAN ON CHINA.

GREAT AND SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN 20 YEARS.

Reviewing in *The Observer*, the latest edition of the "China Year Book," Sir John Jordan makes the following general observations on China:—

That China has made great and substantial progress during the last twenty years is fully attested by the expansion of the Foreign Customs revenue, by the wonderful development of her postal administration, by the widespread adoption of Western education, by the long lists of cotton mills, electric light and power stations, and other factories which Mr. Woodhead gives as entirely due to native initiative and under native management, and by the countless other industrial undertakings which are rapidly transforming this ancient country into a modern State. But, great and beneficial as these changes have been, they are infinitely less than might have been attained had China succeeded in evolving a system of government capable of exercising a measure of control over her vast domain. The progress that has been achieved is the work of a people who are made of indestructible material, and who, by long usage, have come to regard misgovernment as the natural order of things.

The Republic has not been an improvement on the Empire—rather the reverse. During the Empire the Imperial writ ran throughout the whole country, and the edict of the old Empress Dowager commanded instant obedience everywhere. It has been replaced by a presidential mandate, to which no one pays the least attention. Under the Empire the work of opium suppression was undertaken and carried out with remarkable success until a Republican President, who was financially interested in the drug, gave the first set-back to the movement, with the result that China now produces five or six times as much opium as all the rest of the world put together, and that the Chinese situation is the great stumbling-block at Geneva in the way of enforcing the provisions of the Hague Convention for the gradual and effective suppression of opium-smoking.

And so it is with many other problems, about all of which there is abundant theorising, but a lamentable lack of practical administration. China, like many other Eastern countries, has great waterways which burst their banks periodically and cause widespread disaster. During the "Empire the provincial authorities were obliged to do at least a modicum of repairs under pain of severe punishment. Now an army of over a million and a quarter men consumes all the available revenue, and a nation which produced in earlier days such a magnificent engineering feat as the 'Grand Canal' is content to see its people swept off in millions by devastating floods.

Following the fashionable practice of the time, China has been engaged for some time past in framing a Constitution, and has eventually turned out a quite creditable production. It is hardly necessary to add that it exists merely on paper, and has no chance of being enforced under present conditions. How far China or any other Eastern State is capable of assimilating the democratic institutions of the West is a question on which few men with Eastern experience will care to express a decided opinion. But the robust common-sense of her people makes the experiment, perhaps, more hopeful in China than elsewhere, and every well-wisher of that great country will trust that the day will soon come when she will be able to make use of her latest legislative enactment.

Far the most interesting of the long series of documents which Mr. Woodhead has reproduced is the Sino-Russian Agreement, which was signed on May 31st last. Whatever we may think of the Agreement itself and of the conduct of the negotiations which preceded its conclusion, it certainly marks a momentous change, and one which is certain to produce grave consequences in the whole Far Eastern world. China's reasons for concluding it are not far to seek. It enabled her to make a further breach in the ex-territorial regime and to enlist the services of Soviet Russia in a campaign of propaganda against the so-called "Imperialistic Powers," more especially the United States, which has attracted the full force of the new Ambassador Karakhan's invective. Whether China was wise in substituting exaggerated Russian professions for genuine American friendship remains to be seen, but one thing is certain: there can no longer be any pretence of diplomatic solidarity in Peking, and the Powers are now divided into two distinct groups—those who have ex-territorial rights to uphold and those who have not. It is to be hoped that the former will take care to see that those rights remain unimpaired until China puts her house in order and is in a position to safeguard the vast network of British and other foreign interests which has grown up under the protection of Treaties during the last eighty years.

MODERN YOUTH.

TWO MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE.
PEOPLE WHO ARE BUSY DOING NOTHING.

Sir Hugh Allen, director of the Royal College of Music, in his address to the students at the opening of the college year, said the corporate atmosphere of an institution was the result of bringing together an infinite variety of individual atmospheres.

Those who read the weather reports (and who had not done so this summer and found it a dismal pursuit) would realise that changes of weather were dependent on depressions or anti-cyclones, and as the pressure decreased or increased so the weather was finer or fouler. The students who had just left were, they hoped, set fair on a prosperous voyage; the students who remained were, in the language of the weather glass, steadily rising.

Could it be that the batch of new students, whom he saw like a cloud, were a depression coming in from the Atlantic; or were they (as was believed) bringing with them anti-cyclone conditions which foretold fine weather, warmth, and sunshine?

One of the chief difficulties young men or women encountered when entering a freer and therefore more responsible life was the ordering of their lives to the best advantage. A lot was included in this ordering of their lives—what they wanted to be, what they ought to be, and what they probably would be; what help the college would give them and what they would give the college.

ONE JOB THAT MATTERS.

The danger arose of falling into a diffusion of energies. It was so easy to be fearfully busy and really to do nothing effective. Many thought that to be in a hurry was a virtue and that perspire with excitement was a sign of grace.

Many believe in having a number of irons in the fire, but they forget to look after the fire itself.

There was always one job that really mattered. Many people expended on the unessential things the warmth and interest they should give to the things that mattered.

Diffusion of energy was the greatest waste of time yet discovered. Young people were not apt to think they could alter their minds as many times as they like. They were in danger of turning freedom into something like a licence to taste indiscriminately of all kinds of fruit, only to find it had led them into the position of being unable to decide as to the merits of anything.

"They reversed the order of the saying, 'Marry in haste and repent at leisure,' for they repented in haste and never got married at all."

This danger of not getting properly wedded to anything lurked about to-day rather more than was safe. Young people did not like being tied up; they wanted lots of freedom and plenty of means of escape.

DISLIKE OF SETTLING DOWN.

They did not want to settle down to any job which looked like lasting. They said they were too young to do so, but after a bit they might find they were too old to settle down at all. It was only by the way they tackled and stuck to their first jobs and first responsibilities that they could create a firm habit of steadiness and prove themselves worthy of bigger jobs in wider fields.

Funny pointed this out when he said: "I know too well how difficult it is to prevent one's interest interfering with another, what temptations there are to drop a thing directly it gets wearisome or boring."

Sometimes students said, "I want to make a change. I am not getting on. I seem to be stuck." What they really meant was the opposite—they were not getting off the mark; they had not made a start. They often meant they had not the patience to let things take root. They kept on pulling up the plant.

A fine and stimulating atmosphere was not a thing of chance. It was the result of contact among fine-minded people out to do their job in the best way, not for themselves only but for others. It was service all the time in a great cause and in a fine spirit.

It was this atmosphere that made the earth inhabitable.

THE PROMISED LAND.

WEMBLEY RESIDENT WHO HAS NOT SEEN EXHIBITION.

There is a man who lives within a few hundred yards of the British Empire Exhibition who has never been inside its gates.

"Although I have heard the accents of people who have come from all parts of the world to see the exhibition," he writes, "I have never yet been through the turnstiles."

"Is my case a record for an able-bodied person well able to walk? I have been promising myself a whole day inside since it started, and hope to achieve it, but business has been the chief cause of my staying away."

"This recalls the man who passed the Tower of London twice daily for twenty years, and died without having carried out his often-expressed intention of visiting it."

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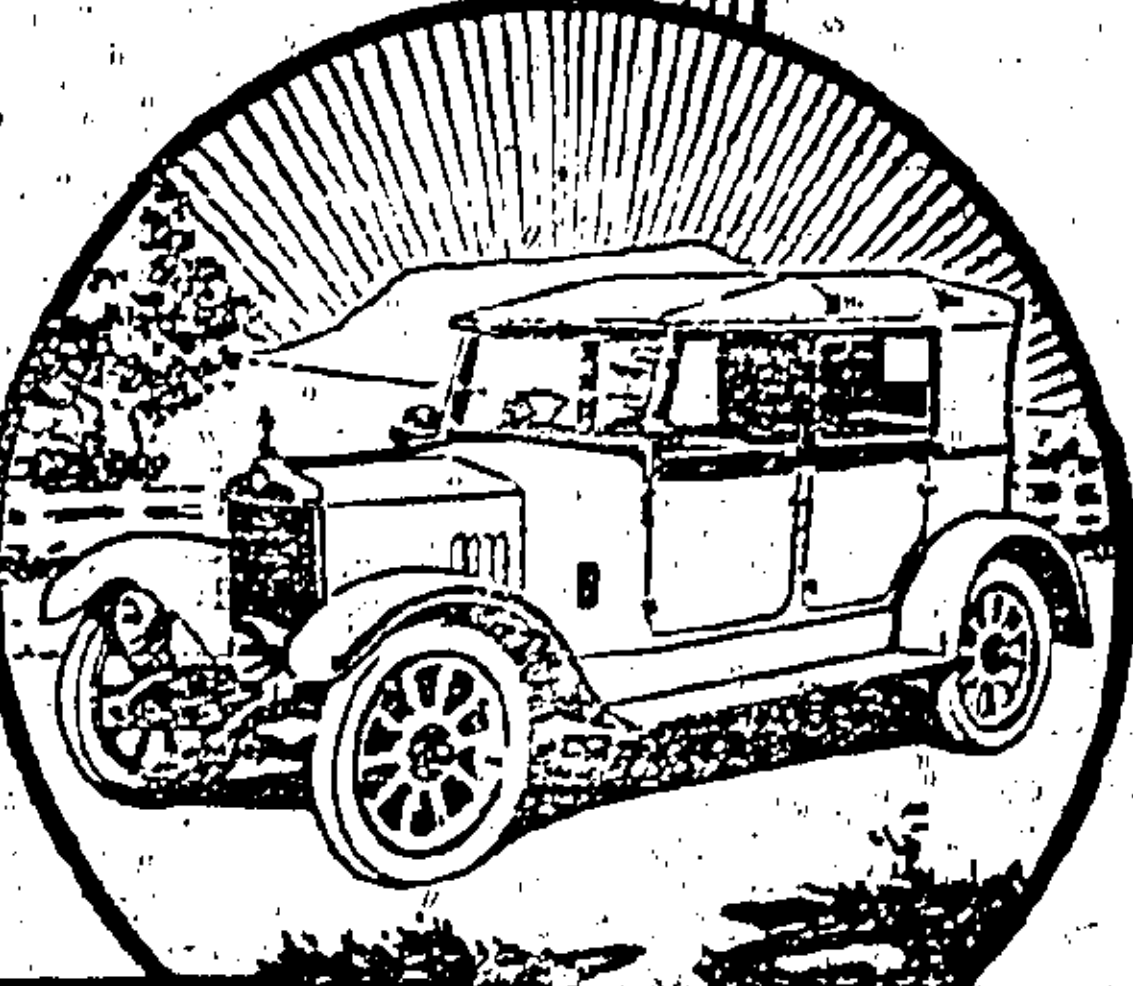
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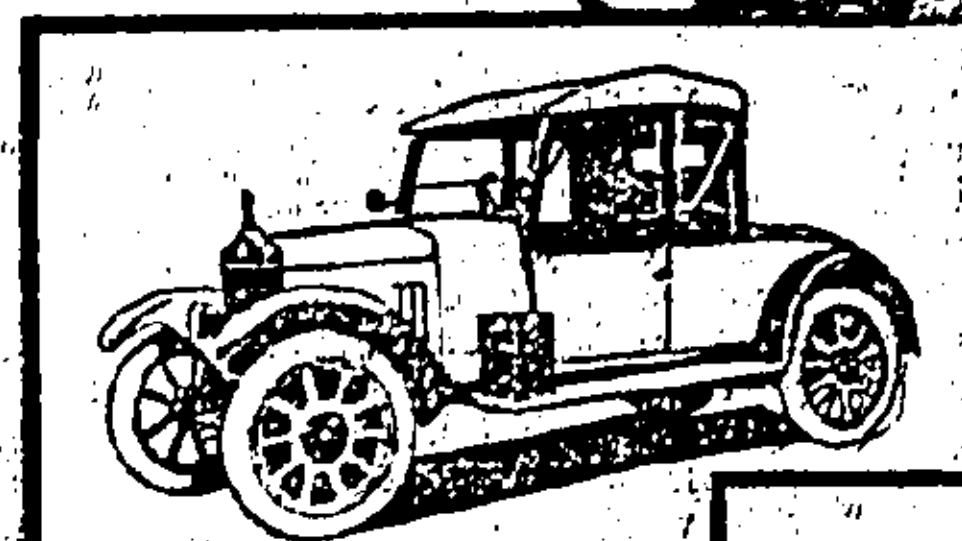
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OLD LONDON. THE CULT OF THE DOORKNOCKER IN ANCIENT DAYS.

A strange ritual is said to have grown up round the knocker on the door of the Prime Minister's house in Downing-street. Pilgrims walk down the street from Whitehall, turn sharply at the door, touch the lion's head in which the knocker is shaped, and as they depart. Just a touch, not a knock to disturb Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in his ponderings over the Boundary problem or the prospects of golf at Lissiemouth.

This cult of the knocker is one of the oldest things we know of in London. It has taken two phases. There were house-holders who decorated their street doors with knockers which were attractive by reason of their beauty of design, or otherwise; there were gay young sparks whose one aim in life was to steal the knockers from the doors.

Mr. Harper, who knows so many of the queer things about London, has given us a list of doorknockers which out to engage our attention as we walk abroad. On a door in Tilney-street is a bronze knocker of sixteenth century Italian work, showing the arms of Milan; an iron sixteenth century German knocker, with puerile figures like monkeys, is on the door of a house in John-street, Berkeley-square.

The late Mr. Samuel Hope Morley had, at No. 43, Upper Grosvenor-street, a pair of decorative modern knockers; feminine terminal figures, with faces exactly resembling Belle Bilton, afterwards Lady Chancery.

Mr. Morley was that kind of person who, had he been told of the resemblance, would, I am quite sure, have exchanged his knockers for some other similitude.

There was an art in using the knockers on the doors; there was an art in stealing them. "The Footman's Directory," published just over a hundred years ago, says:

In knocking at a gentleman's door you should not ring the bell unless you see it written on a brass plate to do so, except it should be at a relation's of the family which you live with; then you should always ring as well as knock, and also at your own door; as this is a mark of respect, and a hint to the family and servants that some of the family are come home.

A French writer, visiting London at the close of the eighteenth century, deprecates that the brass door knockers, which cost from 12s. to 15s., are stolen at night, if the owners forget to unscrew them. Knocker-wrenching was practised both for sport and for gain, for sport by the young bloods who would as soon take a knocker as upset a Charlie in his box; for gain by lowlier gentlemen who knew a convenient "fence." One of the latter came sadly to grief in 1747, as recorded in the Post Boy.

The culprit, a carpenter, was whipped from the watch-house in Great Marlborough-street to the Blue Posts in Poland-street, for stealing the knockers from gentlemen's doors. He had two brass knockers tied round his neck.

On the same principle, one may suppose, as the cook who sold stale slices of cooked conger was put in the pillory for an hour, while the fish was buried under his rascally nose.

The Downing-street method is the best; touch the knocker reverently, and go away.

USE AND ABUSE OF ALCOHOL. MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM.

Eminent doctors give their opinions of the effect of alcohol on health in the October *Practitioner*, the whole of which is devoted to the discussion of the question.

Sir Humphry Rolleston, President of the Royal College of Physicians, says: "Alcohol impairs resistance to infection. On the other hand, it is a food, and there is justification for its use where ordinary nourishment cannot be satisfactorily utilised. Stout and beer have their value in chronic consumption."

Sir Arthur Newsholme, late chief medical officer to the Local Government Board: "The drinking of alcohol between meals should be forbidden. Strong medical opinion should be given as to the special evil from the drinking of spirits and the stronger wines."

Professor Ernest H. Starling, formerly adviser to the Ministry of Food, as an appaiser. Anything which adds to the enjoyment of a meal, or to the removal of disturbing stress of mind, and which promotes a sense of ease and well-being, will increase the appetite and be favourable to the physiological processes of digestion.

Sir James Purves-Stewart, senior physician to Westminster Hospital, tells the following story to show that moderate doses render the worries of life less keen, and make the individual happier and more sociable.

An eminent physician, who was asked what he did if he came home in the evening tired out, and found an unusually heavy pile of correspondence awaiting him, replied: "I have half a bottle of champagne at dinner, and then I don't care about letters or anything else."

Sir Frederick Mott, M.D., draws conclusion from his investigations as pathologist to the London County Asylums that alcohol plays a much less part in producing insanity than has been supposed, but it is probably responsible for one-fifth of the suicides and three-fifths of the homicidal crimes in England.

CINEMA NOTES.

THE WORLD THEATRE.

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| "CHICAGO MARU" | Monday, 24th Nov. |
| BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo. | Tuesday, 4th Nov. |
| "ALPS MARU" | Tuesday, 4th Nov. |
| "CHIEF MARU" | Thursday, 28th Nov. |
| "HONOLULU MARU" | Monday, 1st Dec. |
| BANGKOK, SAIGON & SINGAPORE. | Saturday, 1st Nov. |
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| "HONOLULU MARU" | Thursday, 30th Oct. |
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| "ALTAI MARU" | Monday, 10th Nov. |
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| "KAJUO MARU" | Sunday, 2nd Nov., 11 a.m. |
| TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY. | Thursday, 4th Nov. |
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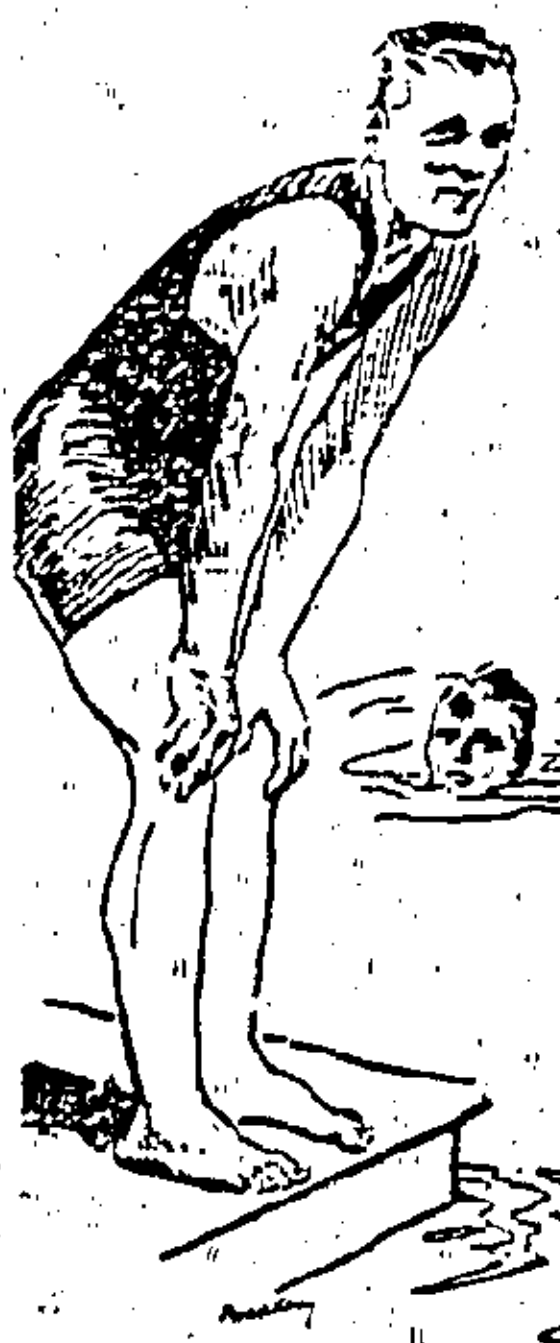
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BRITISH NAVY AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

At this year's Assembly of the League of Nations the cause of arbitration in international disputes has, it is generally admitted, made some advance upon the road to ultimate establishment as a normal, working part of the legal machinery of civilisation. The goal may be distant still, but progress has unquestionably been made when the French Government has formally approved, even though with certain limitations and exceptions, the principle of compulsory recourse to this means of adjusting controversies between State and State. To this extent Mr. MacDonald, in showing the courage of his convictions, has been justified; there has been a new spirit at work in Geneva. But it has not been without some admixture of the old, and it is our duty to insist again, and with emphasis, upon a point which has already been raised by our Diplomatic Correspondent. Uneasiness has been caused by the reports which have reached London of a certain proposal which has been, and appears still to be, under discussion in the Third Commission at Geneva. The matter has arisen out of the qualified acceptance by France of the principle of compulsory arbitration. The principal condition attached to that acceptance is that a system of sanctions should be created, to be put in operation against any State failing to comply with an award, whether made by the World Court or the League or by a majority vote of the Council of the League itself—such a vote being now proposed as sufficient for the taking of an arbitral decision. It has further been proposed that among these sanctions should be the employment of the British Navy in imposing an economic boycott or blockade upon the recalcitrant State, and that our Navy should be placed unreservedly at the disposal of the League for this purpose—the British Government having nothing to say in the matter, either by way of assenting to the employment of its naval power in any case that might arise or by way of deciding what proportion of that strength should be devoted to the purpose. It might have been supposed that such an idea had only to be stated plainly to meet with the immediate and decisive negative of the representatives of this country. We are asked to sign away our sovereignty in one of the most vital regions of national policy; and while it is perfectly true to say that adherence to the League of Nations Covenant in itself involves some sacrifice of sovereignty—the League would be the merest fiction otherwise—it is, or should be, quite obvious that this suggestion goes far beyond any such sacrifice as is contemplated by the Covenant, and would place Great Britain in a position that the nation would never tolerate.

As matters stand under the Covenant, British sovereignty and independence in regard to the employment of the Navy against a State guilty of disregarding its accepted obligations are most carefully safeguarded. In the first place, the decision to impose sanctions must be taken by a unanimous vote of the Council of the League. In the second place, the punitive measures to be taken by each Power are merely to be recommended by the Council, and it remains in the discretion of each Power to take such measures or to decline to do so. In the third place, each Power retains the right to decide what the extent of its contribution of force shall be. What has now been proposed would do away with each and all of these vital guarantees of sovereignty. It would render possible a situation in which Great Britain, having voted in a minority against the imposing of sanctions, would be bound to employ against another country the whole of her naval strength, or such part of it as might be called for by the majority of the Council. Had any representative of the Admiralty been officially present when it was first mooted, so extravagant a notion could never have been entertained. Apart from the questions of sovereignty, of national self-respect and of indefinite financial liability, it is enough to mention the one consideration that the imposition of a naval blockade upon any State would immediately and automatically involve Great Britain in the most serious difficulty with the United States, a Power which is sufficiently jealous of its asserted maritime rights even in case of actual war, and which, not being included in the League, would be under no obligation whatever to recognise the state of hostilities created by the imposing of sanctions upon a member of the League. Action which might lead to the gravest difficulties with the United States is certainly not to be taken by this country without its own open-eyed acceptance of that risk in each particular case. The thing is unimaginable. It appears that these objections have been urged upon our delegation at Geneva, for Lord Parmoor has now authorised the statement that "no definite British proposal regarding the utilisation of the British Navy has either been made or withdrawn." That we can easily believe. But the question is whether this proposal has been put forward at Geneva, not by us, but by others. Our information leaves us in no doubt about this having happened; and also in no doubt that the proposal, when made, did not meet with that instant and emphatic refusal which ought to have been opposed to it on this country's behalf. We are at least entitled now to assume that no more will be heard of it. But the episode is a startling reminder of the possibilities of a method of statesmanship which involves entering upon undertakings of the most vital character without the knowledge of Parliament, upon which would subsequently lie the onus, and possibly the odium, of reversing a decision which should never have been made.

The greatest necessity of the present day is that all people should learn that the men on the other side of the frontier do not possess a tail and horns.—*The Rev. Oliver Dyer.*

WEATHER REPORT.

October 29th at 17.10.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 16 deg. N. Long. 125 deg. E., stationary or very slow.

October 29th at 17.12.—Pressure has decreased slightly along the east coast of China and moderately over Formosa; it has increased slightly to moderately elsewhere.

The anticyclone remains stationary, a depression is situated in the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and the typhoon appears to be nearly stationary in Lat. 16 deg. N. and Long. 125 deg. E.

Shanghai warning 29th at 10.30.—Typhoon of unknown intensity with 120 miles of Lat. 16 deg. N. Long. 125 deg. E., moving W. Recd. 29d 12A 40w.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Oct. 29th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 97.88 inches, against an average of 80.44 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Oct. 30th is as follows:—

Forecast
Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong.
N.E. winds, fresh.
Hongkong to Gap Rock ... fine.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks ... do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, October 29th.

| Barometer | Previous On Date | | On Date |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Day | at 2 p.m. | |
| ... | 29.98 | 30.06 | 30.04 |
| Temperature | 78 | 87 | 74 |
| Humidity | 50 | 49 | 45 |
| Wind Direction | NNE | NNE | E |
| Force | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Weather | c | B | b |
| Rain | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Highest open-air Temperature on 29th ... 79

Lowest open-air Temperature on 29th ... 67

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Oct. 30th to Nov. 5th, 1924.

| Day of Week | Days of Month | High Water | | Low Water | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | | H'kong Standard Time | Height | H'kong Standard Time | Height |
| Thur. | 30 | h. m. | ft. in. | h. m. | ft. in. |
| | | 10 48 | 8 3 | 4 27 | 1 5 |
| | | 10 16 | 8 1 | 4 10 | 3 4 |
| Fri. | 31 | 11 41 | 5 8 | 5 18 | 1 5 |
| | | 10 59 | 8 1 | 4 44 | 3 8 |
| Satur. | 1 | 0 48 | 5 4 | 6 16 | 1 8 |
| | | 11 38 | 8 0 | 5 15 | 4 2 |
| Sun. | 2 | 2 8 | 5 0 | 7 22 | 1 8 |
| Mon. | 3 | 0 32 | 7 7 | 5 48 | 4 1 |
| | | 4 6 | 5 0 | 6 34 | 4 9 |
| Tues. | 4 | 1 39 | 7 3 | 6 51 | 3 3 |
| | | 5 43 | 5 3 | 8 18 | 6 1 |
| Wed. | 5 | 3 2 | 6 8 | 11 2 | 12 4 |
| | | 6 31 | 5 5 | 10 40 | 5 0 |

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Kobe on October 29th, left Kobe at 5 p.m., and is due at Yokohama on Friday, October 31st, at 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kashima Maru* (European passenger line), left Moji for Hongkong via Shanghai on October 28th, and is expected here on November 4th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Fushimi Maru* (European passenger line), left Singapore for Hongkong on October 28th, and is expected here on November 3rd.

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| HAIPHONG via HOIHOW | "MINGANG" | Sunday, 2nd Nov., 10 a.m. |
| BANGKOK via SWATOW | "KWAISANG" | Monday, 3rd Nov., 10 a.m. |
| TRINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "WAISHING" | Wednesday, 5th Nov., 7 a.m. |
| TIENTSIN | "CHIPSING" | Wednesday, 5th Nov., Noon. |
| KOBE via MOJI | "NAMSANG" | Saturday, 8th Nov., 7 a.m. |
| MANILA | "YUENSANG" | Saturday, 8th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| SANDAKAN | "HINSANG" | Saturday, 8th Nov., 3 p.m. |
| HAIPHONG via HOIHOW | "LEESANG" | Sunday, 9th Nov., 10 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI via SWATOW | "TUNGSHING" | Sunday, 9th Nov., 7 a.m. |
| BANGKOK via SWATOW | "HOPSANG" | Monday, 10th Nov., 10 a.m. |
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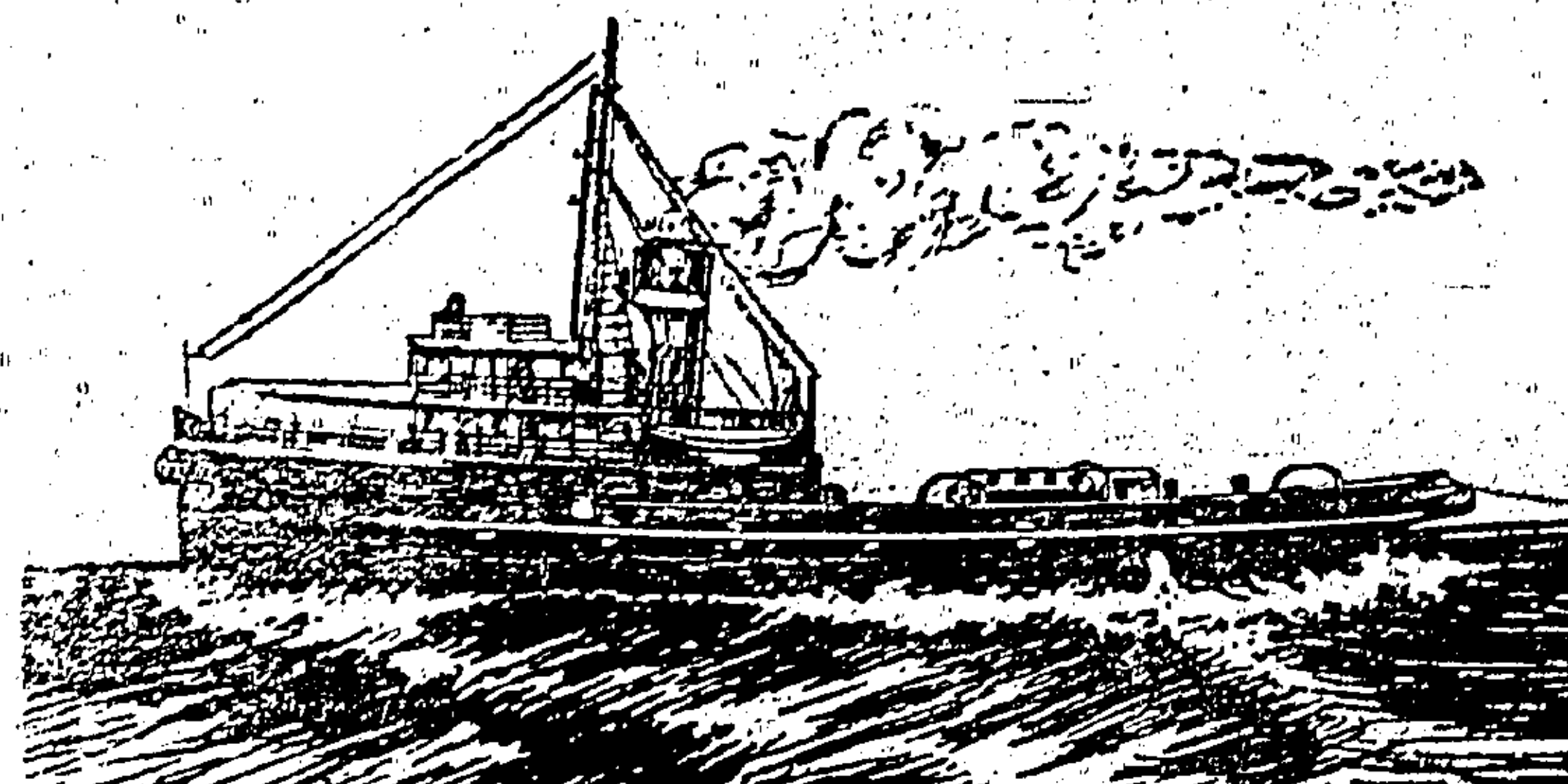
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Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,143 tons, Capt. P. E. Christensen, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42—Kuen Sang.

Taito Maru, Japanese str., 1,133 tons, Capt. T. Honjo, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38—N.Y.K.

Taming, British str., 1,258 tons, Capt. C. S. Isbister, from Haiphong and Hothow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46—B. & S.

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October 29th.

Anima Maru, Japanese str., 1,179 tons, Capt. B. Hoda, from Kowloon, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B31—Suzuki & Co.

Bushu Maru, Japanese str., 1,565 tons, Capt. Y. Okubo, from Kowloon, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C47—O.S.K.

Eurythmics, British str., 1,493 tons, Capt. J. Davies, from New York and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A32—B. & S.

Fengler, Chinese str., 1,290 tons, Capt. C. Mori, from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C36—Yue Tai Hong.

Heddon, Norwegian str., 1,191 tons, Capt. H. Johansen, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45—Thoresen & Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 361 tons, Capt. W. Browne, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chiu On wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,433 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—J. M. & Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. D. H. Martin, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

Neechen, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B5.

Taiyo Maru, Japanese str., 1,620 tons, Capt. K. Iguchi, from Tully Bay, with a cargo of tin, lying at Kowloon wharf—Geo. Trimble & Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,916 tons, Capt. P. H. Parlow, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

October 29th.

Benader, for Takao.

Chiribon Maru, for Batavia.

Chung Hing, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Kancho, for Weihaiwei.

Korea Maru, for Shanghai.

Otto, for Muen.

President Grant, for Shanghai.

Szechuen, for Swatow.

Taming, for Hothow.

Tjondari, for Mantok.

West Garmann, for San Francisco.

Yingchow, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, on October 29th: For Hongkong: Mr. W. Adamson, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. L. G. Craig, Capt. and Mrs. W. Davison, Mr. J. H. Douthett, Mr. E. Evans, Mrs. W. Francis, Mr. C. R. A. Goaty, Mr. H. C. R. Haddock, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Dr. A. L. Hoops, Miss B. Hume, Mr. and Mrs. R. Joyce and son, Mrs. N. Karanja, Mrs. S. Kempf, Capt. J. Latta, Mr. F. J. Lawes, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Macfarlane, Mr. E. T. Mariner, Miss M. McLeod, Mr. C. McL. Messer, Sir H. E. and Lady Pollock, Mr. H. and Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. J. Robertson and son, Mrs. B. Russell-Brown, Mrs. A. L. Shields, Mr. W. A. Stanton, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bancroft, Mr. N. B. Karanja, Mr. Geo. Grimble, Mr. C. W. Bishop, Mrs. D. Blood, Mrs. R. W. Bogot, Mr. and Mrs. C. Breyer, Mr. J. H. Gratch, Mr. J. L. Dolbey, Mr. R. Drude, Mrs. E. M. G. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris, Mr. H. T. Joy, Mr. S. Komor, Mrs. A. Malcolm, Mr. H. G. McLaughlin, Mrs. M. Raiton and child, Miss V. E. Manning, Mrs. C. Rapp and son, Mr. J. T. Rock, Mr. E. Rosenfeld, Mrs. M. Russell, Mr. C. S. Speyer, Mr. S. Taitudjian, Mr. R. Quarles, Van Offord, Mr. W. T. Watts-Evans, Mr. H. W. Chan, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Sung Lai, Mr. E. W. Leung, Mr. S. H. Mak, Mr. P. Kohn, Miss C. E. Anderson, Miss T. Augenstein, Mr. E. G. Beaumont, Mr. D. Christie, Miss G. Sheldon, Miss Agnes Chan, Mr. C. Bing, Mr. Choi Chiu, Mr. Choy Wa Jong, Mr. Chu Quon, Mr. C. P. Chung, Mr. Louis Sue, Mr. Natsen Lieu, Mr. A. B. Buharjawa, Mr. and Mrs. A. Keshava, Miss A. V. Bezoldiana, Mrs. C. R. Coole, Mrs. M. S. Netto and two children, Mr. G. Thomas, Mr. J. T. Williams, Miss O. Xavier, Mr. Fan Wen Bai, Mr. Fung In Wing, Miss M. Kong, Mr. S. T. Kwai, Mr. F. C. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Luk, Mr. C. K. Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Min Un Ka Cheung, and Mr. Yen Chang Lee.

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| NEW YORK & BOSTON | Moore's Prince | Brit. | Princes Line | On 20th Nov. |
| Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez | Komo | Brit. | The Bank Line, Limited | On 1st Nov. |
| SAN FRANCISCO, &c. | President Wilson | Am. | Pacific Mail S.S. Co. | On 5th Nov., 10 a.m. |
| VICTORIA & VANCOUVER via J. FORST | West Ivan | Am. | Strathairn & Barry | On 12th Nov. |
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. FORST | Empress Canada | Brit. | Canadian Pacific O.S. Ltd. | On 7th Nov., D.L. |
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, VANCOUVER, &c. | Shizuka Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 12th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER | Africa Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 14th Nov. |
| SEATTLE & VICTORIA, via HALL ROSE & YOKOHAMA | Taihybin | Am. | Batterfield & Swire | On 20th Nov. |
| SEATTLE & VICTORIA, via HALL ROSE & YOKOHAMA | President Grant | Am. | Admiral Oriental Line | On 1st Nov., Noon |
| MANHATTAN, LONDON & ANTWERP | Amazon | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 23rd Nov. |
| MANHATTAN, &c. | Amazon | Brit. | Massachusetts Marine | On 23rd Nov. |
| MANHATTAN, &c. | Amazon | Brit. | Massachusetts Marine | On 23rd Nov. |
| MANHATTAN, LONDON, ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c. | Kashima Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 20th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| MANHATTAN, LONDON, ANTWERP, K'ANG & HAMBURG | City of Glasgow | Brit. | The Elder, Smith, Ltd. | On 20th Nov. |
| GENOA, HAVRE, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW | Reema | Brit. | Batterfield & Swire | On 20th Nov. |
| GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN, &c. | Libertad | Ger. | Molchers & Co. | On 25th Nov. |
| LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG | Theresa | Brit. | Batterfield & Swire | On 20th Nov. |
| LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP, &c. | London Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 20th Nov. |
| LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG | Glenagary | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 18th Nov. |
| AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN | Cooker | Brit. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 31st inst. |
| Bombay via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO | Moroka Maru | Jap. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 30th inst. |
| SEATTLE & CALCUTTA | Lakada | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 2nd Nov. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | Soudan | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 24th Dec. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, &c. | Narcinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 26th Nov. |
| SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI | Van Cloon | Dut. | Java-China-Japan-Lyn | On 6th Nov. |
| BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE | Persia | Ital. | Locwell & Co., Ltd. | On 6th Nov., 4 p.m. |
| WELLINGTON, CLEVELAND & TIENTSIN | Richow | Brit. | Batterfield & Swire | About 12th Nov. |
| HAIPHONG via HOBSON & FAKHRI | Taiwa Maru | Jap. | Yamashita Kisen Kaisha | On 2nd Nov., 10 a.m. |
| HAIPHONG via SWATOW & AMOY | Chukwa Maru | Jap. | Yamashita Kisen Kaisha | On 26th Nov. |
| SANDALAY | Hinsang | Jap. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 26th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| AUTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA | Mishima Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 26th Nov. |
| AUTRALIAN PORTS | Changsha | Brit. | Batterfield & Swire | On 26th Nov., 10 a.m. |
| AUTRALIAN PORTS | Sado Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 2nd Nov., 7 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA | Waishang | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 1st Nov. |
| SHANGHAI, KORE & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 1st Nov. |
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| YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 14th Nov. |
| YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | About 1st Nov. |
| YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | About 31st inst. |
| YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 1st Nov. |
| YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 8th Nov. |
| YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & KOBÉ | Sardinia | Brit. | P. & O. B. I. & A. L. | On 2nd Dec. |
| JAPAN PORTS | Honolulu Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 30th inst. |
| TIENTSIN | Chipsang | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 5th Nov., Noon |
| HATAYIA | Tipsang | Brit. | Java-China-Japan-Lyn | About 12th Nov. |
| CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE & HAMBURG | Empress of Canada | Brit. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 2nd Nov., 10 a.m. |
| HAIPHONG via HOBSON & FAKHRI | Hinsang | Jap. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 8th Nov., D.L. |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE | Test | Brit. | Batterfield & Swire | On 4th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & HANGSAU | Kwangsow | Brit. | Douglas Lafrank & Co. | On 30th inst., 5 p.m. |
| SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW | Hai-Ning | Brit. | Douglas Lafrank & Co. | On 4th Nov., 12 Noon |
| SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW | Hai-Ning | Brit. | Douglas Lafrank & Co. | On 8th Nov., Noon |
| MANILA | President Wilson | Am. | Pacific Mail S.S. Co. | On 30th inst., 5 p.m. |
| MANILA | Empress Canada | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 8th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| MANILA | President Madison | Am. | Admiral Oriental Line | On 2nd Nov. |
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DEPARTURES.

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Per Admiral Oriental liner *President Grant*, for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, on October 30th:—
Mr. Y. Furukawa, Mr. S. M. Berggren, Mr. Leon de Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Francis, Mrs. C. A. Francis and two children, Mr. E. H. Jones, Mr. T. A. Minkiewicz, Mrs. J. W. Mayhew and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Th. D. Inklair, Mr. Lum Sang, Mr. Chin Toy See, Mr. Chan Ying Poon, Mr. Chan Sui Wah, Mui Yeung, Mr. Lee Toy, Mr. Wong Wing Yam, Mr. Chung Fuk Ting, Mr. Wong Yuen Ong, Mr. Jew Hon Sing, Mr. Chin Hon, Mr. Tso Her, Mr. Leong Ling Hon, Mr. Lin Yui, Mr. Tsoi Chong Yiu, Mr. Chow Wai, Mr. Lao Men, Mr. Chan Yin Ting, Miss Ah Chan, Mr. Di C. Wong, Mr. Y. S. Yau, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. W. H. Burr, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. J. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lopez, Mr. C. S. M. Alves, Mr. E. J. de Figueiredo, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh, Mr. D. W. Goodfellow, Mr. Paul Launder, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Tong, Mr. L. T. Laing, Rev. Fr. W. P. O'Shea, Mr. Mok Ching Kong, Mr. W. Archibald, Dr. James Maxwell, Mr. Chan Harr, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Kan Ying Po, Mr. G. A. Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lo, Mr. A. A. Simoes, Mr. E. Seth, Mr. Wong Chee Hin, Mr. Chung Yee Ng and Mrs. Wong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Diomed (Blue Funnel), due November 21st.
Empress of Russia, due November 10th.
Fushimi Maru (N.Y.K.), due November 3rd.
Hakozaki Maru (N.Y.K.), due November 17th.
Hakozaki Maru (N.Y.K.), due December 1st.
Hector (Blue Funnel), due November 18th.
Karnata (P. & O.), due October 31st.
Onia (P. & O.), due to-day.
President Adams (Dollar), due November 10th.
President Garfield (Dollar), due November 24th.
President Madison (Admiral Oriental), due October 31st.
Sado Maru (N.Y.K.), due November 1st.
Sardinia (P. & O.), due November 1st.
Telemachus (Blue Funnel), due November 13th.
Thames Maru (N.Y.K.), due November 2nd.
Theresa (Blue Funnel), due November 1st.

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MORIOKA MARU ... Friday, 31st Oct.

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MOI MARU ... Friday, 31st Oct.

NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 12th Nov.

SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.

SADO MARU (Omit Shanghai) ... Sunday, 2nd Nov.

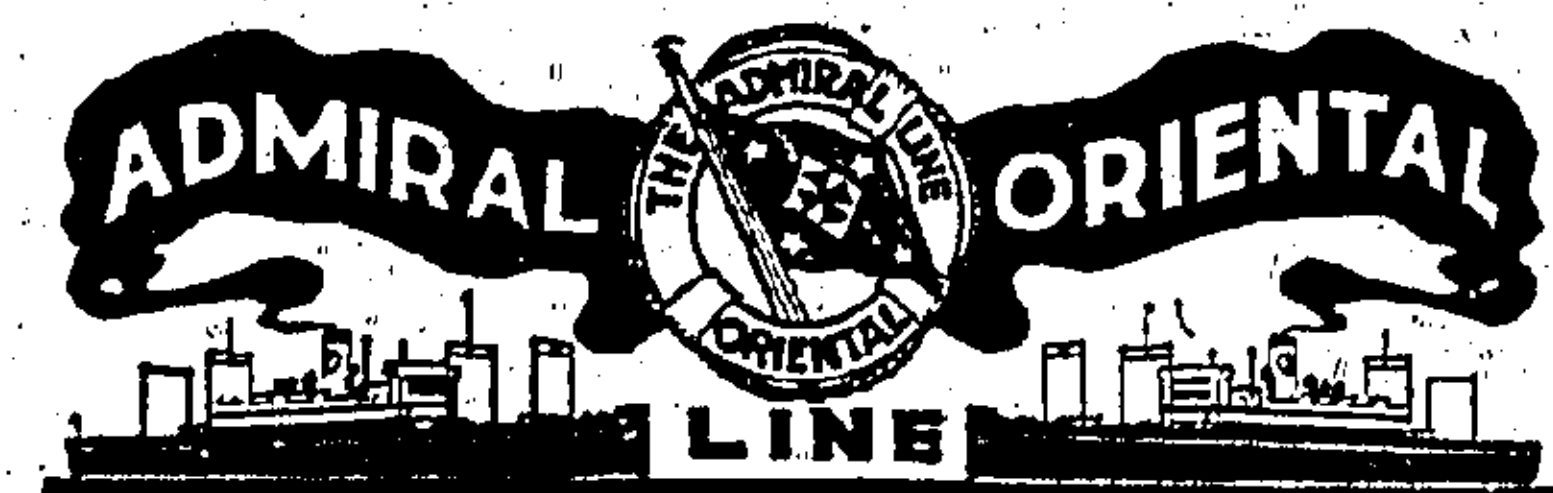
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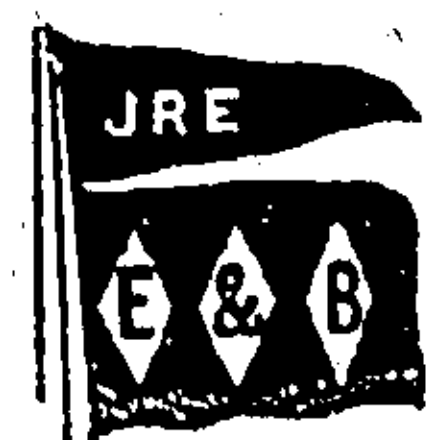
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| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 15th Nov. | Marseilles & London |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,884 | 26th Nov. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 29th Nov. | Marseilles & London |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 13th Dec. | Marseilles & London |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,896 | 24th Dec. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KHEIVA" | 9,135 | 27th Dec. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp. |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,089 | 10th Jan. | Marseilles & London |
| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | 21st Jan. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KALYAN" | 9,118 | 24th Jan. | Marseilles & London |
| "MOREA" | 10,911 | 7th Feb. | Marseilles & London |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,884 | 18th Feb. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KASHGAR" | 9,005 | 21st Feb. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp. |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 15th Mar. | Marseilles & London |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,896 | 24th Mar. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 27th Mar. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp. |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 10th Apr. | Marseilles & London |
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 13th Apr. | Marseilles & London |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,884 | 24th Apr. | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,089 | 27th Apr. | Marseilles & London |

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| "PAKADA" | 6,949 | 2nd Nov. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
| "TILAWA" | 10,000 | 16th Nov. | do. |
| "TILAWA" | 10,000 | 17th Nov. | do. |
| "TILAWA" | 8,500 | 7th Dec. | do. |
| "TILAWA" | 8,500 | 16th Dec. | do. |

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------------|--|
| "EASTERN" | 4,000 | 26th Nov. | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday |
| "ARAFURA" | 4,000 | 31st Dec. | Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |

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 The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

| S.S. | Tons | From Hongkong (about) | Destination |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 1st Nov., D.L. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 15th Nov. | Moji & Kobe. |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,884 | 26th Nov. | do. |
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 29th Nov. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 13th Dec. | do. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,896 | 24th Dec. | Kobe only. |
| "KHEIVA" | 9,135 | 27th Dec. | Moji & Kobe. |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,089 | 10th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | 21st Jan. | Moji & Kobe. |
| "KALYAN" | 9,118 | 24th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "MOREA" | 10,911 | 7th Feb. | do. |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,884 | 18th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "KASHGAR" | 9,005 | 21st Feb. | do. |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 15th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,896 | 24th Mar. | do. |
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 27th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "MANTUA" | 10,902 | 10th Apr. | do. |
| "KARMA" | 9,005 | 13th Apr. | do. |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,884 | 24th Apr. | do. |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,089 | 27th Apr. | do. |
| "KHEIVA" | 9,135 | 1st May | do. |
| "MOREA" | 10,911 | 15th May | do. |
| "KALYAN" | 9,118 | 24th May | do. |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 27th May | do. |

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

| Ports | Steamers | Date of Departure |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "SZECHUEN" | On 30th Oct., 11 a.m. |
| HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG | "TAMING" | On 30th Oct., Noon. |
| SHANGHAI | "NANNING" | On 30th Oct., 4 p.m. |
| HOIHOW & SINGAPORE | "CHIN HUA" | On 31st Oct., Noon. |
| SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO | "LINAN" | On 1st Nov., 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "YINGCHOW" | On 1st Nov., 4 p.m. |
| SWATOW & SINGAPORE | "SOOCHOW" | On 2nd Nov., 11 a.m. |
| AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE | "KWAIYANG" | On 3rd Nov., D.L. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "SUIYANG" | On 4th Nov., D.L. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "KWANGCHOW" | On 4th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "SHANTUNG" | On 6th Nov., 11 a.m. |
| WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN | "HUICHOW" | On 8th Nov., 4 p.m. |
| AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE | "TEAN" | On 9th Nov., D.L. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | "KALGAN" | On 11th Nov., 11 a.m. |

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| Steamer | Due to arrive at Hongkong about | Due to sail for Manila, Port Bangor, Thursday Is., Rabaul & New Ports about |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|
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 S.S. "VENEZIA" Sails about 7th Feb.,

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

| From | Per | Due |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| SHANGHAI ... | Swallow ... | 30th Oct. |
| AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... | Eastern ... | 31st Oct. |
| U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI ... | Pres. Madison ... | 31st Oct. |
| Europe via Suez (Letters and parcels, 20th Sept.) ... | Karmala ... | 31st Oct. |
| STRAITS ... | Sardinia ... | 1st Nov. |
| MANILA ... | Fushimi Maru ... | 3rd Nov. |
| U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI ... | Emp. of Canada ... | 3rd Nov. |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI ... | Pres. Wilson ... | 4th Nov. |
| SAIGON ... | Kashima Maru ... | 10th Nov. |
| AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... | Angkor ... | 11th Nov. |
| JAPAN ... | Tanaka Maru ... | 14th Nov. |
| | Mishima Maru ... | 20th Nov. |

| From | Per | Due |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, and EUROPE ... | Pres. Grant ... | Thursday, 30th, Registration Letters ... 8.00 A.M. |
| U.S.A., Central & South America, & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 24th Nov. ... | Van Cloon ... | Registration Letters ... 8.15 A.M. |
| Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... | Korea Maru ... | Reg. Letters ... 9.45 A.M. |
| Manila ... | Taming ... | 10.00 A.M. |
| Swatow ... | Emp. of Canada ... | 3.15 P.M. |
| Shanghai ... | Hedong ... | 3.15 P.M. |
| Shanghai ... | Phenix ... | 3.15 P.M. |
| Shanghai ... | Clara Johnson ... | 3.15 P.M. |
| Shanghai ... | Hai Ning ... | 3.30 P.M. |
| Hohow ... | Ohinua ... | Friday, 31st, 8.30 A.M. |
| Manila ... | Oosterkerk ... | 10.00 A.M. |
| Straits and Calcutta ... | Laisan ... | 1.00 P.M. |
| Shanghai and Dairen ... | Tikarung ... | 2.00 P.M. |
| Shanghai and Japan ... | Karmala ... | 5.00 P.M. |

| From | Per | Due |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez—due Marseilles, 29th Nov. ... | Kashgar ... | Saturday, 1st, 9.15 A.M. |
| Shanghai ... | Liwa ... | 10.00 A.M. |
| Swatow ... | Bushu Maru ... | 12.30 P.M. |
| Swatow ... | Swatow ... | 1.30 P.M. |
| Shanghai ... | Yingchow ... | 2.30 P.M. |
| Hohow and Haiphong ... | Hohow ... | 5.00 P.M. |
| Manila ... | Sardinia ... | 5.00 P.M. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ... | Pres. Madison ... | Sunday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M. |
| Swatow ... | Kashgar ... | Monday, 3rd, 9.30 A.M. |
| Straits and Suez ... | Keomun ... | 10.00 A.M. |
| | Thesus ... | 9.30 P.M. |
| Japan ... | Fushimi Maru ... | Tuesday, 4th, 10.30 A.M. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ... | Hai Ning ... | 11.30 A.M. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, and EUROPE via Suez—due Vancouver, B.C., 24th Nov. ... | Pres. Wilson ... | Parcels, Registration Letters ... 3.00 P.M. |
| Ship sails at daylight on Tuesday, 4th Nov. ... | Waitang ... | 5.00 P.M. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez—due Marseilles, 29th Nov. ... | Kashgar ... | Wednesday, 6th, 8.30 A.M. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ... | Kashgar ... | Registration Letters ... 9.15 A.M. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, and EUROPE via Suez—due Vancouver, B.C., 24th Nov. ... | Emp. of Canada ... | Thursday, 6th, 4.00 P.M. |
| Ship sails at daylight on Friday, 7th Nov. ... | Registration Letters ... | 4.15 P.M. |

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| THESEUS ... | 3rd Nov. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg |
| MENTOR ... | 17th Nov. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg |
| LYCAON ... | 24th Nov. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg |
| PHEMIUS ... | 8th Dec. Amsterdam, London & Hamburg |

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

| | |
|---------------|--|
| KEEMUN ... | 3rd Nov. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow |
| NINGCHOW ... | 17th Nov. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow |
| DEMODOCUS ... | 1st Dec. Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow |

PACIFIC SERVICE

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|-----------------|---|
| TALHYBIUS ... | 8th Nov. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver |
| PROTESILAUS ... | 29th Nov. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver |

NEW YORK SERVICE

| | |
|-------------|--|
| CALCHAS ... | 9th Nov. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez |
| AJAX ... | 18th Nov. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez |

PASSENGER SERVICE

| | |
|---------------|--|
| HECTOR ... | 10th Nov. Shanghai |
| MENTOR ... | 17th Nov. Singapore, Marseilles & London |
| TECTOR ... | 16th Dec. Singapore, Marseilles & London |
| TERESTIAS ... | 29th Dec. Singapore, Marseilles & London |
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| Telegraphic Transfer ... | 2/4 |
| Bank Bill, on demand ... | 2/4 15/18 |
| Bank Bill, at 30 days' sight ... | 2/4 |
| Bank Bill, at 4 months' sight ... | 2/3 1/2 |
| Credit, at 4 months' sight ... | 2/3 1/2 |
| Documentary Bill, 4 months' sight ... | 2/3 1/2 |
| On Paris— | |
| Bank Bill, on demand ... | 1/40 |
| Credit, 4 months' sight ... | 1/40 |
| On New York— | |
| Bank Bill, on demand ... | 54 |
| Credit, at 30 days' sight ... | 54 |
| On Bombay— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer ... | 100 |
| Bank Bill, on demand ... | 100 |
| On Calcutta— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer ... | 160 |
| Bank Bill, on demand ... | 160 |
| On Shanghai— | |
| Bank Bill, at sight ... | nom. |
| Credit, 30 days' sight ... | nom. |
| On Yokohama— | |
| On demand ... | 138 1/2 |
| On Manila— | |
| On demand ... | 107 |
| On Singapore— | |
| On demand ... | 103 |
| On Batavia— | |
| On demand ... | 140 |
| On Haiphong— | |
| On demand ... | nom. |
| On Saigon— | |
| On demand ... | nom. |
| On Bangkok— | |
| On demand ... | 76 1/2 |
| SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate ... | 8 1/2 |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael ... | 47.80 |
| Bar Silver, per oz. ... | 24 13/16 |

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| Authorized Capital ... | \$30,000,000 |
| Issued and Fully Paid-up ... | \$20,000,000 |
| Reserve Funds— | |
| Sinking ... | \$24,800,000 |
| Silver ... | \$25,800,000 |
| Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... | \$20,000,000 |

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1924. [37]

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager. Hongkong, April 8th 1924. [31]

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(TAIWAN GINKO.)

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| Capital Subscribed ... | Yen 60,000,000 |
| Capital (Paid-up) ... | Yen 32,500,000 |
| Reserve Fund ... | Yen 12,980,000 |

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| Manila | |
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HONGKONG BRANCH, 4, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, 28th June, 1924. Z. YAMAMOTO, Manager.

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| Authorized Capital ... | £3,000,000 |
| Subscribed Capital ... | £2,500,000 |
| Paid-up Capital ... | £1,000,000 |
| Reserve Fund ... | £1,250,000 |

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N. C. WILSON, Manager. 7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, February 11th, 1924. [30]

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| Subscribed Capital ... | Fr. 72,000,000 |
| Paid-up Capital ... | Fr. 68,400,000 |
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A. LECOT, Manager. Hongkong, 28th March, 1924. [23]

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"KAN TONG PO" Chief Manager. Hongkong, March 15th, 1924. [84]

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G. ARIMA, Manager. Hongkong, 27th October, 1924. [35]

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